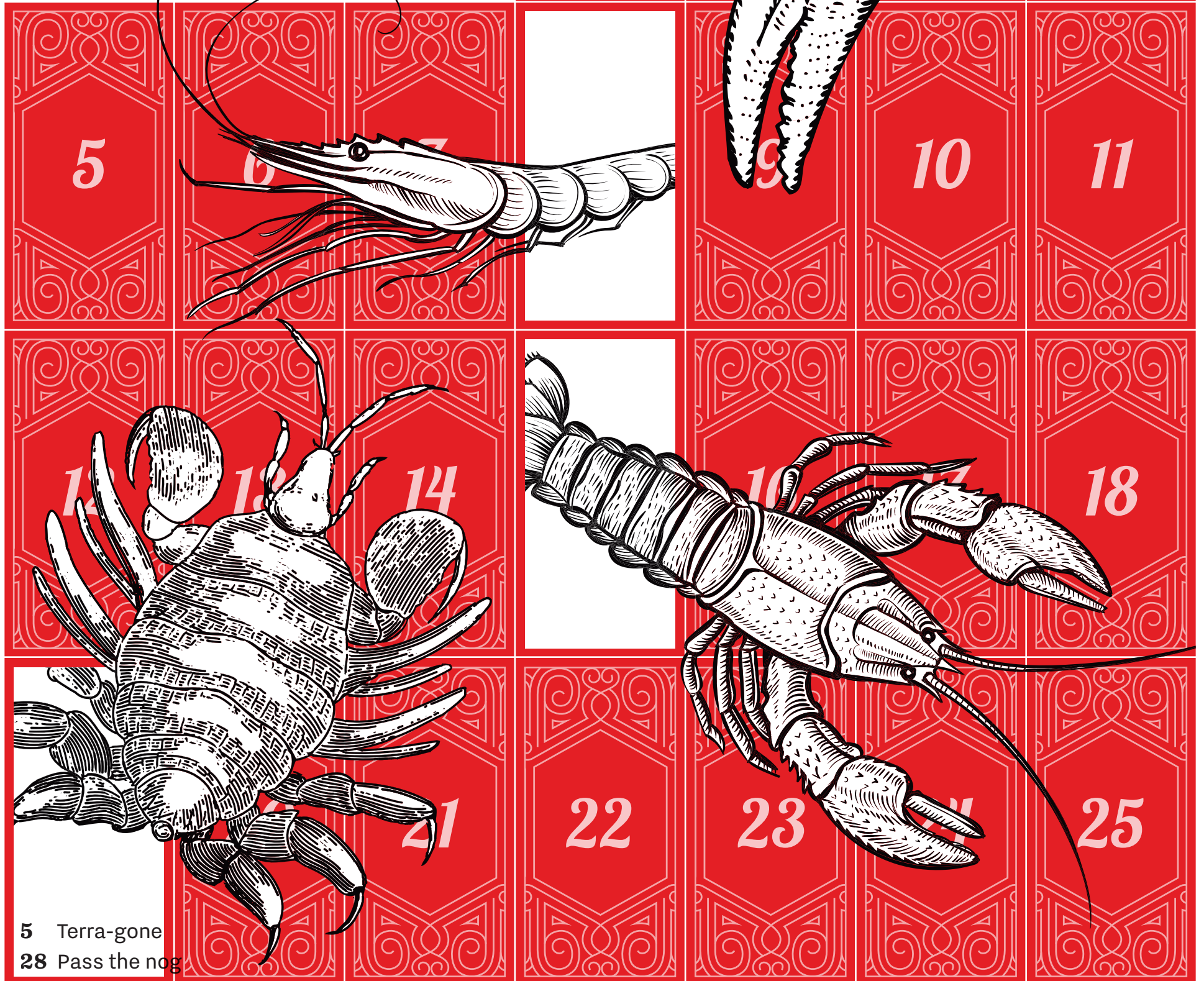


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Cheryl Seidner speaks in Rio Dell, protesting the Terra-Gen wind project. Read more on page 5.

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Editor:

I was looking back over the Gift Guide edition (Nov. 28) this evening, and read the lovely piece by David Wilson called "Lost in Space," with a photograph looking toward Trinidad. The caption of the photo speaks to the enhancement of the Big Dipper and a star identified as Polaris. It appears that the star that is enhanced is actually Arcturus, seen to the left of the dipper. We have always said "arc to Arcturus" in teaching people to follow the arc of the handle of the dipper around to spot Arcturus.

To find Polaris, one follows an imaginary line drawn upward through the "pointer stars" on what would be the right side of the dipper in the photograph. Since Polaris, the North Star, isn't all that bright, it probably wouldn't be visible yet given the lingering light of the western sky in the photo. But it would be located somewhere above the dipper, not to its left. It's possible that what is seen in the photo is a planet, but still not the northern star.

Jeni Sue Wilburn, McKinleyville

Editor's Note: Columnist David Wilson reports that he spoke with the letter writer, who realized he was in fact referencing the star near the top of the image and not Arcturus, which is visible to the left.

Winter Sun

grotesque El Greco oaks sprawl this quieted land. Fall does not taper into winter here; but ends abruptly, like a clock struck, the sun pending like the last apple of autumn.

— M. Taylor

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Protesters took to the streets of Rio Dell on Dec. 14 to decry Terra-Gen's proposed wind project. Mark McKenna

Supes Deny Controversial Wind Project

A failed \$1 million offer, hundreds of speakers and a split 3-2 vote punctuate marathon meeting

By Thadeus Greenson and Elaine Weinreb
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With Humboldt County supervisors Rex Bohn and Virginia Bass having indicated they would support controversial plans to erect a wind farm on Monument and Bear River ridges south of Rio Dell, and supervisors Steve Madrone and Estelle Fennell having indicated they would not, Supervisor Mike Wilson was left as the swing vote.

Obviously deeply conflicted at the end of a marathon 16-hour meeting spread over two days that were punctuated by emotional testimony and the occasional outburst, Wilson was still clearly trying to get to yes. Torn between the realities of the climate crisis and a project that promised to deliver 56 percent of Humboldt County's electricity load from 47 wind turbines — but planned to do so by placing 20 of them on Monument Ridge, desecrating a sacred ancestral prayer site of the Wiyot Tribe known as Tsakiyuwit — Wilson first asked if the project would be viable if moved entirely to Monument Ridge.

Randy Hoyle, senior vice president and chief development officer of Terra-Gen, the company proposing the project, replied that the company had already crunched the numbers on that alternative and it wasn't feasible.

"I understand the extreme sensitivity of this but, from a commercial standpoint, remove the turbines from Bear River Ridge and

this project will not be built," he said.

Wilson said that was the sticking point for him. He wanted to support the project but couldn't do so if it meant adding to the generational trauma suffered by Wiyot tribal members, whose ancestors had been victims of an attempted genocide, by forever altering a "culturally important" landscape.

"From my perspective, this is a heavy and horrible place to be at this moment," Wilson said, lamenting that the Wiyot Tribe had brought up the sacred nature of the site months ago when commenting on the project's environmental impact report, yet apparently little had been done to bring them to the table to find a workable solution. Now, as he flailed to find one, the tribe didn't have a seat at the table. "It's somewhat patronizing that we're having this conversation without the impacted peoples — I apologize for that. This is terrible. I'm crying. Seriously."

Hoyle then responded, saying he'd felt the "sensitivity of the issue," as well, floating a potential solution. He said the projected local sales and property tax revenues from the project — a total of \$9.8 million over the span of its 30-year lease that many considered one of the project's more tantalizing carrots from the county's perspective — could be redirected to "certain affected people" at the board's discretion.

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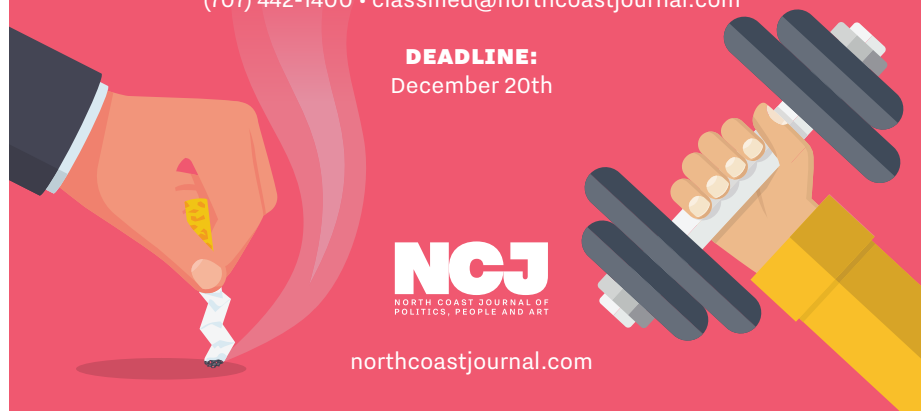
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"I think along with that ... we are willing to put aside and fund an endowment, and we'll call it a community endowment, prior to the start of construction for the board to distribute at its full discretion," Hoyle said, adding that the company was then and there pledging \$1 million to go into the endowment to be dispersed as the board sees fit. "That is something the applicant is willing to consider."

Seemingly a bit surprised at what he'd

just heard, Bohn, the board chair, mused that he knows "sacred sites are not for sale" and called Wiyot Tribal elder Cheryl Seidner to the podium to offer a response on behalf of the tribe.

"There's not enough money to do that," Seidner said, addressing her comments directly to Terra-Gen's representatives. "You would not sell your mother, we cannot sell our earth. And I don't mean to be disrespectful. You don't know where Indigenous

peoples come from. We come from here. We come from the earth."

Moments later, motions were made and the board voted 3-2, with Bohn and Bass dissenting, to deny the project. During the course of the board's deliberations, each of the supervisors expressed feeling conflicted about the project to varying degrees, weighing the need for dramatic action in the face of what a bevy of reports by the most trusted climate scientists predict is a looming

environmental catastrophe against the need to protect the Wiyot Tribe's sacred site and other localized environmental concerns associated with the 600-foot wind turbines and their ultimate decommissioning.

"This is a terrible day," Wilson said, adding moments later at the conclusion of the board's roll-call vote, "I think I want to throw up."

Leading into the meeting, which began Dec. 16, community sentiment toward the Terra-Gen project had been at a boiling point for more than a month, beginning with a series of heavily attended hearings at the Humboldt County Planning Commission that concluded Nov. 21, after hours and hours of public comment, with a split vote declining to certify an environmental impact report for the project and denying it a conditional use permit. Terra-Gen then appealed that decision to the board, which opted to move its meetings to the Adorni Center to accommodate what it expected would be an overflow crowd.

Hundreds of people showed up Dec. 16, many carrying signs supporting the Wiyot Tribe and warning against the desecration of sacred land, with others explicitly putting Bohn and Fennell — both up for re-election next year — on notice that approving the project could come with consequences.

The crowd listened as staff walked the supervisors through the background of the project, its environmental impacts and the various possible actions the supervisors could take.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the county to examine a vast number of environmental impacts, ranging from air quality and traffic to cultural resources and wildlife.

If there are substantial impacts, the law requires they be mitigated to levels that are considered insignificant. If the problems cannot be mitigated, the lead agency — in this case, the county — is not supposed to permit the project. However, CEQA does allow the lead agency to issue what's known as a "statement of overriding concerns" essentially saying that while the impacts are unavoidable, the project is so important it should be done anyway.

County Building and Planning Department staff recommended that the county make such a finding and certify the environmental report even though it listed eight different problems that could not be mitigated. These ranged from aesthetics — the visual effects of having miles of 600-foot towers outfitted with blinking red lights on one of the county's most prominent ridges — to killing marbled murrelets and potentially reintroduced condors, both of which are endangered species and protected by federal law.

Terra-Gen Director of Wind Development Nathan Vajdos showed pictures of the havoc

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climate change can create and explained why Bear River Ridge was the perfect — and the only — suitable location for a wind energy project on the California coast. While the company studied hundreds of sites, representatives said this was the only one that had strong and consistent winds, close proximity to a highway and port, amenable land owners and a place to plug into the statewide electrical grid via an electrical substation in Bridgeville.

Vajdos added that Terra-Gen had made many changes to the project to address community concerns.

Throughout the two-day discussion, supervisors raised a host of concerns and questions, ranging from the project's impact on neighboring property values to whether the county may be putting the proverbial cart before the horse by approving a wind project without an overarching wind energy ordinance.

The most bitterly contested issue, however, was the effect on Tsakiyuwit.

Although the Wiyot do not own Bear River Ridge, they consider it a sacred prayer site from which they can view all of their ancestral lands. Moreover, it is a tribal ethnological area, full of rare plants important to tribal culture. Dozens of members of the public, including elders of the Wiyot Tribe and members of its tribal council, expressed dismay and, in some cases, rage that the county would callously allow the ridge to be desecrated by the wind farm, which would necessitate clear-cutting miles of forest and pouring acres of cement pads before erecting the towers with their rotating blades and blinking lights.

During the first few hours of the all-day meeting, most of the speakers expressed their appreciation for the project. Terra-Gen had recently signed papers with some of the county's unions, guaranteeing 300 construction jobs to their members. Dozens of trade workers expressed gratitude for a couple of year's worth of work that would pay a prevailing wage, offer benefits and not require them to leave town. (During deliberations, Fennell would later question why the company's concession came only after the planning commission's denial and not months before, when she personally requested it.)

Many other members of the public were happy with the project because it addressed climate change. Wind energy is a renewable power source that can reduce the need for dependence on fossil fuels, such as natural gas, which currently supplies at least half of Humboldt County's electricity.

As the day wore on, the contented members of the audience apparently went home, leaving the field to a group that was generally younger, more outspoken and angry about the environmental damage they felt that the project would bring. Many described it as "green washing," a money-making venture for an outside company that was using fear to sell its product with proceeds going to an umbrella corporation — Energy Capital Partners — that is heavily invested in fossil fuels.

"This is an ecological disaster dressed up in green clothing," said public speaker Cliff Berkowitz, who has also announced he will challenge Bohn for the First District seat next year.

While acknowledging the seriousness and reality of the climate crisis, many speakers pointed out that not every solution proposed is a good one.

One young woman said that she was tired of hearing

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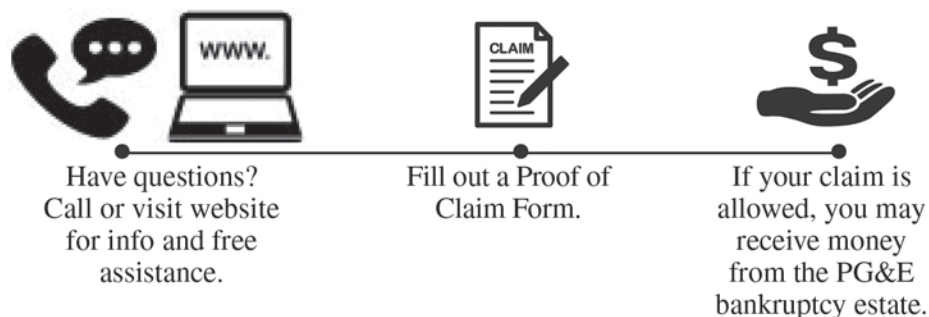
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older members of the public saying that they liked the project because it would protect the younger generation from the effects of climate change.

"Don't speak for us," she shouted. "We are here and we say, 'No!'"

Members of the public grew increasingly vehement about the disrespect shown to members of the Wiyot Tribe.

At one point, Wiyot Tribal Chair Ted Hernandez warned ominously that Bear River Ridge is sacred to the tribe and its members intended to protect its land. "Don't come to us when something goes wrong, because we're telling you now something's wrong," he said.

Near closing time at 7:10 p.m. on Dec. 16, at the tail end of a 10-hour-long meeting with no substantial breaks, people were clearly running out of patience, ignoring Bohn's admonitions not to applaud, boo or cheer speakers. Many were resentful about the two-minute slots allotted to members of the public wishing to comment, and many spoke until the microphone fell silent.

The meeting picked up Dec. 17 where it left off just 14 hours earlier, with dozens still lined up to speak.

One young man warned the board that approving the project would be "personally" accepting responsibility for the arrest of "hundreds, if not thousands, of Indigenous people" who would inevitably turn out to take direct action to protect the sacred site. When the man refused to leave the microphone after his two minutes, Bohn called a brief recess, reconvening a few minutes later after he was apparently convinced to return to his seat.

One woman who addressed the board questioned whether the Wiyot Tribe believed all land was sacred, or just land it could control.

"The ridge top will not be lost," she said. "The ridge top will be given the honor of harnessing the wind that blows across its summit."

The comment drew boos and a shout of "bullshit" from the crowd.

When the discussion returned to the board, a couple supervisors said they worried some of the jeers had a chilling effect and may have intimidated some people in favor of the project, preventing them from speaking.

Supervisors took turns asking county staff and Terra-Gen officials questions about the project over the course of a couple hours.

Madrone zeroed in on the question of decommissioning and who would end up paying the cost of removing all those turbines and concrete platforms from the ridge once the project was no longer viable. Could the company pledge \$4.7 million — \$100,000 for each turbine — toward decommissioning?

Hoyle said the company had done an "ex-

haustive analysis" of the costs and deemed it infeasible. But, he said, the company would commit to providing \$50,000 for each turbine for decommissioning.

"We will agree to that with your approval today," he said.

When discussion returned to the board, supervisors spoke passionately about the decision before them. Wilson indicated he was on the fence. Bass said she knew she was going to lose friends and make enemies no matter how she voted, but soon indicated she felt climate change was too grave a threat not to support the project. Fennell read a lengthy statement detailing the depths of the conflict she felt.

"It's unfortunately no surprise to me that the communities most affected or impacted by this project are arguably the least well off, and they're also in my district," Fennell said, pointing to Rio Dell, Scotia, the Eel River Valley and the Wiyot Tribe, adding that she's heard from a bevy of constituents opposed to the project.

Bohn said he, too, was conflicted, noting that he was in the office until 9:30 p.m. Dec. 16 doing additional research and back at 5:30 the following morning feeling like he'd worked out because he'd "tossed and turned so much" throughout the night. Ultimately, he said, he supported the project because he's come around to believing the climate crisis is real and needs to be addressed. Plus, he said, if the county votes down this project, he fears another won't come along.

The stage was set for Wilson as the swing vote. While angstily inquiring about potential compromises, he bemoaned the tight timeline. Earlier in the day, Hoyle had noted that federal tax credits that made the project financially feasible for Terra-Gen were expiring in 2020 and the company would take any delay by the board as a denial.

"I resent this federal administration for putting us on this timeline bullshit," Wilson said, quickly stopping and apologizing for swearing in what was being broadcast on television and over local radio airwaves, before noting the tax credits' expiration was the result of the 2016 election. "These elections have consequences and this wouldn't even be a question of renewing these tax credits if we had a different administration running the show."

A short time later, Bass made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to move the project forward, certifying the EIR and granting a conditional use permit. The vote failed 2-3, with Wilson, Madrone and Fennell dissenting. Told by staff a passing vote was needed to make the denial official, a motion was made to flatly reject the project. It passed 4-1, with Bass having joined the majority. She offered no explanation for the shift in position.

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Local farms and manufacturers fared well in a variety of categories, from butane hash oil to pre-rolled joints. But nowhere was Humboldt's dominance more evident than in the best sun-grown flower category, which saw 10 Humboldt farms finish in the contest's top 20.

Top among those sits Ridgeline Farms, which took home its second consecutive sun-grown championship with Ridgeline Runtz. (The farm's Green Lantern — last year's champion — finished ninth while another Ridgeline offering, Ice Cream Cake, finished fifth.) Other Humboldt County farms making the top 20 include Humboldt Redwood Healing, Lost Coast Elixirs, DewPoint, Love Humboldt and Savage Farms.

In these pages, we've repeatedly touted the environmental benefits of buying local, licensed, sun-grown cannabis ("Make Greta Proud," Sept. 26, and "Green Your Weed," April 18). All we'll add here is, if you're buying weed grown in someone's garage or a warehouse somewhere, you're doing it very wrong.

Congrats to Ridgeline Farms and the other winners. You're a camouflaged-and-trucker-hat-clad testament to the fact that tasty, potent cannabis can be grown without de-watering streams or pumping carbon into the atmosphere.

Major League Baseball sent shockwaves through major U.S. sports last week when owners and the MLB Player's Association announced an agreement to a new drug testing program that will remove cannabis from the league's list of banned "drugs of abuse."

The change — which was announced along with a more rigorous testing for opioids like fentanyl and oxycodone — makes MLB the second major U.S. sports league to take a non-punitive approach to players' cannabis use. (The National Hockey League, kind of the red-headed stepchild of major U.S. sports leagues, has for years recommended treatment for players with "abnormally high" levels of THC in their systems but does not punish them.) Under the new MLB policy, players testing positive for THC — who used to face fines of up to \$35,000 per violation — will be referred for a mandatory substance use evaluation and offered treatment.

Both the National Football League and the National Basketball Association currently test for cannabis and include it on their banned substances lists. In the NFL, a first dirty test lands a player in the league's

substance abuse program, a second costs two game checks, a third means four game checks, a fourth garners a four-game suspension with a 10-game suspension following for a fifth offense. A sixth could ban players from the league for a year. In the NBA, meanwhile, a first positive test lands a player in the program, a second draws a \$25,000 fine, a third a five game suspension, followed by five additional games added to the penalty for each ensuing failed test.

Meanwhile, 36 percent of major sports franchises are located in states or provinces in which recreational use is legal and another 45 percent are located where medical cannabis is legal.

Some have pointed out that, much like federal cannabis prohibition, major league sports' policies disproportionately impact people of color.

According to the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports, 57 percent of MLB players are white, while 93 percent of NHL players identify as white. Compare those figures to the NFL and NBA — which see people of color make up 70 percent and 80 percent of their players, respectively — and it's quickly apparent that the leagues with the most people of color in them also take the most punitive approaches to cannabis use.

Is that a coincidence? Maybe, but it's also a terrible look, especially for the NFL, which generates \$8.1 billion in annual revenue on the backs of its players as they destroy their bodies and brains, and many abuse opioid pain killers at an alarming rate. But puffing a joint is somehow immoral and a threat to the league?

In much brighter news, *The Spokesman Review* reported that on the eve of the release of the ninth and final last installment of the *Star Wars* franchise, there's a palpable excitement that has stretched all the way into the cannabis industry, which has seen a flood of *Star Wars* strain names in recent weeks.

While "OG-1 Kenobi" is our runaway favorite of the names listed in the article, we took special note that "C-3PO" is cultivated right here in Humboldt County and, according to the article, boasts a "fresh pine scent" and is known to deliver "relaxing effects with mental clarity." What that has to do with an uptight, multi-lingual droid is anyone's guess but, hey, *Star Wars*!

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Diverting Holiday Waste

Now that the holiday season has arrived, so has the waste generated by the festivities, from wrapping paper and plastic bows to dirty foil trays and all that plastic packaging.

During this time of the year, Recology Humboldt's Material Recovery Facility starts to collect about 25 percent more waste, says General Manager Linda Wise.

"Right now, we're seeing a lot of dirty foil and tin pans and Amazon plastic packaging as people are doing a lot of online shopping," she says.

The waste collection company especially sees a lot of wishful recycling — a term that describes people putting items in recycling bins thinking they're recyclable when they actually aren't — especially with plastic film and bubble wrap, which impacts the entire recycling stream.

The more garbage recycling collection companies process, the higher the costs for everyone in the recycling industry, including consumers paying for recycling service, as workers now have to separate, bale and ship the garbage to landfills. Recycling facilities do not clean out recyclables, so it's also important to rinse and dry any tin foil pans and other containers before recycling them or they'll contaminate other recyclables.

Non-recyclable holiday items that shouldn't be placed in your recycling bin include wrapping paper (including tissue paper), ribbons and bows and gift bags. All the holiday waste on top of the regular recycling bogs down the production line, forcing work-

ers to sort out more material.

According to Wise, contamination in the waste stream slows the line to about 12 tons per hour, a more than 40 percent decrease from the line's normal run of 17 to 20 tons per hour.

"It's amazing how much waste comes this time of the year," Wise says. "We see a lot of it, that's why we don't take vacations. There's a big waste generation."

So be sure to place nonrecyclable items in the trash bin, because if they wind up at Recology's facility, they'll complicate things. Better yet, try different sustainable materials to wrap your gifts in.

Wise suggests gift givers opt for reusable produce bags as gift bags and newspaper comic strips for wrapping paper (with twine to add a little flare). She also suggests reducing the waste stream by reusing old Christmas cards or cutting up brown paper bags to use as gift tags, and keeping ribbon to reuse over and over again. But the most important thing Wise emphasized is shopping local to support area businesses and avoid the online packaging that comes with online purchases.

"Buy a Christmas card from a local artist," she suggested. "Instead of shopping online, shop locally. Or instead, buy gift certificates for services like a massage or a pedicure."

Read the full story at www.northcoastjournal.com and for more information on the local recycling industry, see our Nov. 21 story "Recycling's New Reality."

— Iridian Casarez

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Coasties Rescue Surfer



Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Hernon, a Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay rescue swimmer, stands with Kris Nagel, who found himself being swept toward rocks near Moonstone Beach while surfing Dec. 15. The U.S. Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter crew to the scene and hoisted the 20-year-old Humboldt State University student on board. POSTED 12.16.19

Photo courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay

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Forestry Worker Rescued: A Hoopa forestry service worker who was injured after slipping and falling more than 25 feet Dec. 9 was rescued after an intense, nine-hour effort by firefighters, paramedics and Tribal police officers. "It was like a rain forest down there — the vegetation is so thick," said Hoopa Fire Chief Rod Mendes, adding that the crew eventually had to use a chainsaw to clear an area where a helicopter could come pick up the injured man, who was later treated and released at a local hospital. POSTED 12.16.19

Covered California Deadline Extension: Facing a surge in enrollment, the state has extended the deadline to sign up for Covered California in time to receive coverage starting Jan. 1 to Dec. 20. "Covered California saw tens of thousands of people sign up for coverage" beginning late last week, stated a press release. Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee said, "Sign up now and you may be eligible for new financial help, and you can avoid the possibility of paying a significant penalty for not being covered." POSTED 12.16.19

Fatal Hit and Run: The Eureka Police Department is looking for the driver of at least one car believed to have fatally struck a woman crossing Broadway just south of 14th Street on Dec. 15 and fled the scene without stopping. According to EPD, witnesses say Ashley Madonia, 36, was fatally hit while walking outside the crosswalk in the roadway and that two vehicles — described as a white newer model lifted Chevrolet Silverado and a gray or silver mid-2000s model four-door sedan — were believed to be involved. POSTED 12.16.19

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Digitally Speaking

The height in feet of surf that hit the North Coast on Dec. 13, which, coupled with wet weather, caused some minor flooding in low-lying areas. POSTED 12.13.19

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Comments of the Week

"I just stood at the cheese case looking for cheese curds, wondering why they weren't there, and then I remembered. What a shame."

— Julie Solo commenting on the Journal's Facebook post about last week's story "Foreclosed," about the shuttering of the Loleta Cheese Factory. POSTED 12.16.19

"Let's shoot for making ACV a reliable airport first."

— Jimi Hawk commenting on the Journal's Facebook post about last week's story "Eureka's Moonshot Program Aims High" about the city's new project to propose outside-the-box ideas to drum up outside interest, an example of which included building a spaceport at the airport. POSTED 12.13.19

The 25 Days of Crustmas

A fake holiday for real crustaceans

Story and photos by Mike Kelly

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There's big excitement in the online crustacean nerd community. Alison Young, co-director of the California Academy of Sciences' Citizen Science Program and Humboldt State alumnus, just invented the Twitter hashtag game #25DaysofCrustmas.

The rules of the game are simple. Fellow nerds post a crustacean picture and/or interesting crustacean fact each day of December up to the 25th — like a virtual crustacean advent calendar.

So to honor the true spirit and commercial potential of Crustmas, I give you this custom, Humboldt-centric advent calendar:



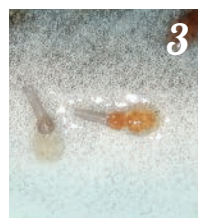
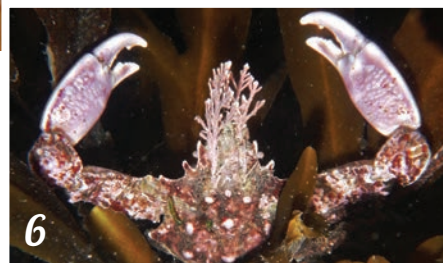
On the **first** day of Crustmas, I present the closest thing I have to a Nativity scene: the crab child washed up in some kelp. He had little chance of survival, so he came to live with us in the lab for about four years. He was a faithful and forgiving red rock crab. (I think of you every Crustmas, little buddy.)



On the **second** day of Crustmas, my true love gave to me ... parasites. The crustacean in this picture is an isopod but I think it's just a transient and undedicated

parasite. An isopod of this color would normally be camouflaged in red algae. But this fish, a sculpin, blends in so well with the red algae, too, (see background) that the isopod might not even see the fish. However, the festively colored green things attached to the fish are marine leeches, which aren't crustaceans but dedicated parasites that also make a nice Crustmas decoration.

On the **third** day of Crustmas, here's a whole load of parasites! This swarm of



copepods is on the belly of a little lingcod. The copepods swam around in a frenzy until most of the water drained off the lingcod host. But you probably don't have anything like this swimming around on your belly, so try not to think about it.



On the **fourth** day, we get our local bread and butter crustacean: the Dungeness crab. This picture shows the ecstatic faces of a prospective ma and pa that I've just rudely interrupted. Actually, he will wait until she sheds her shell and becomes as soft as cooked pasta. Then they'll make baby crustaceans.

On the **fifth** day of Crustmas, here's a lovely little parasitic isopod that I found barely alive in the mouth of a dead redbait surfperch washed up on the beach. To me, it felt like opening my Crustmas stocking and finding a cool gift.



On the **sixth** day, those aren't parasites on these cryptic kelp crabs. These crabs have

little hooks on their backs where they attach decorations such as coralline algae — presumably as camouflage. A popular Crustmas game is to carefully tape decorations onto your bare back, but the truly

devout use actual hooks. Anyway, these crabs are pretty common on our low intertidal rocky shores but can be difficult to spot.

On the **seventh** day, there's no rest for the crustaceans. Look at this crustacean-on-crustacean violence. These amphipods are eating a mole crab, apparently alive. But don't worry, these little bastards probably have their own parasites eating them alive from inside.



By the **eighth** day of Crustmas, you are probably thinking, "JFC, this is Crustmas not Parasitemas! You are waging war on Crustmas!" Now, now, here's a nice pretty basket of shrimp just for you. There are many kinds of shrimp crawling around in our tide pools — especially at night — so we'll just keep it simple with some pretty colors for ya.



On the **ninth** day: an umbrella crab. They don't make a very effective umbrella, so I advocate leaving them alone. But I couldn't resist flipping this one over. I've only seen them a couple of times on the lowest of low tides in rock pools. Speaking of flipping things over, please don't flip over rocks in the tide pools unless you want to kill a bunch of animals like this one.

On the **10th** day of Crustmas, recall the mole crab that was being eaten alive on the seventh day? Here's a pile of young-of-the-year mole crabs. In good years, young mole crabs follow the tides up and down in massive herds. Look for them



on all of our local sandy beaches.

On the **11th** day we perform a sacred Crustmas tradition in which we quietly contemplate the life of a crustacean. This year I chose to channel a filter-feeding acorn barnacle. I spent the day imagining my feeding legs sweeping food to my mouth from a vast school of burritos. Advanced barnacle meditations may include being



trapped in your home while your penis grows out into the neighborhood knocking on doors looking for partners. It could get attacked by dogs or even run over! But that's how the barnacles have to do it, so be thankful in this season that you're not one.



On the **12th** day of Crustmas: a swarm of mysids. These are also called opossum shrimp, though they are neither shrimp nor opossum. Swimming through this colorful display was much more pleasant than swimming through a pile of opossums like the people who celebrate Opossumas do — those people are fanatics.

On the **13th** day: a porcelain crab. This individual probably wants a new thumb for Crustmas. You don't usually see them out during the day. In fact, this is one of the animals you are likely to kill if you go around flipping over tide pool rocks, which thou shalt not do. If you violate this commandment, you'll be boiled alive in Crustacean Hell, which only kills your parasites so they can grow back every day for eternity. Many seemingly respectable people actually believe this, so it's OK to tell young children.

On the **14th** day, we get back to red rock crabs. Remember the crab child? This is what he was. The big ones are easy to

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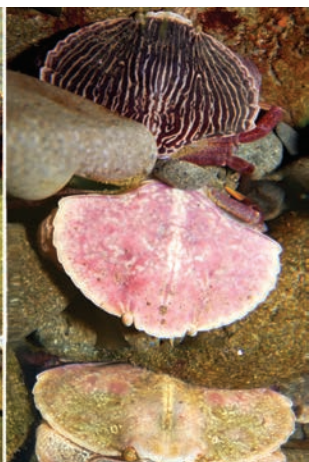
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spot in our local tide pools but if you look carefully, you may spot small juveniles in a variety of colors and patterns. From the way I edited this collage it looks like the teenage crabs were hanging out together but they weren't.



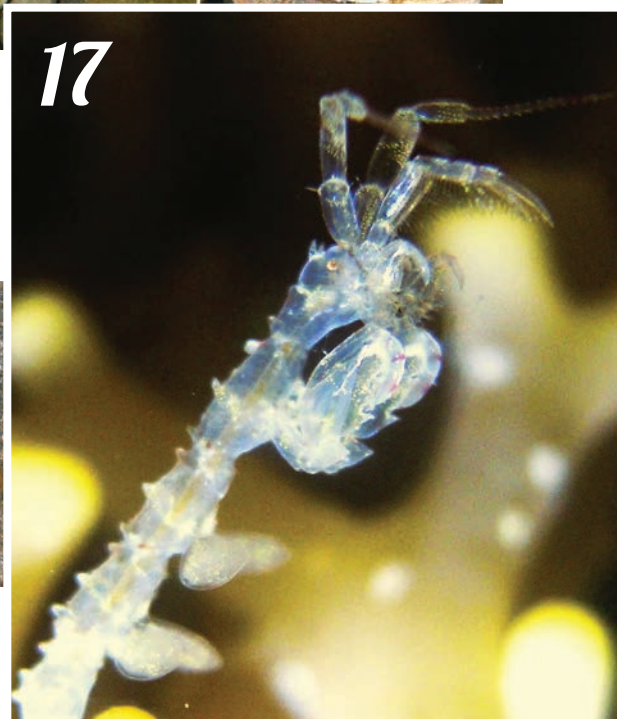
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On the **15th** day of Crustmas, we turn to fresh water with the American signal crayfish. This one is from the Trinity River, where the species is native. But they have also been introduced into other rivers across the hemisphere where they are making a mess of things. Our second commandment is: Though shalt not transport and release crustaceans.



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On the **16th** day, we're again in fresh water and looking into an ephemeral pool on top of a big rock. Those tiny clam-looking things are the not-exactly-charismatic crustacean called an ostracod. They "do their thing" during watery times in spring and then die. Their eggs dry out until the next watery time, when they hatch and the new generation of ostracods do it all again. And they've been doing it for 450 million years.



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On the **17th** day of Crustmas, here's a so-called skeleton shrimp. First, they aren't a shrimp. They are an amphipod of the family caprellidae. Second, they don't have the kind of skeleton they were named for. They have an exoskeleton, which is part of the point of being a crustacean. Anyway, these little critters are really cool looking but sometimes they are so dense they look like a bunch of random scuz on the rocks. Find them anywhere in the ocean where there's something for them to hold on to.



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On the **18th** day, we have the California beach flea, which is not a parasite. It just looks like its more famous namesake.

These aren't super common but they are hard to miss when they hop across your path. This is actually just the shed exoskeleton of one, so the living individual may have been hopping around nearby as happy as it could be.

On the **19th** day, we return one last time to parasites with these dead gray whale lice, which were on a dead gray whale. These are isopods, not lice (which are insects), and they are in the same superfamily as the skeleton shrimp. There are at least two species in the picture. Have yourself a smelly little Crustmas.

On the **20th** day of Crustmas, we get this very long isopod attached to some kelp. Speaking of very long things, Crustmas could end tomorrow if we would have just stuck to the Roman calendar.

On the **21st** day, here's *Ligia* the sea slater. *Ligia* is italicized because it is the official genus name of this rock-crawling isopod. Look for them up on rocks high in the splash zone on rocky shores. What do they eat? I have too much Crustmas shopping to go into detail but they are omnivorous, so they would probably enjoy a nice Crustmas pudding.

On the **22nd** day, these northern kelp crabs are larger relatives of the cryptic kelp crabs from earlier. They also do a little decorating when they are smaller. But when they are full-grown, they like to hang out in intertidal kelp getting crusted over and either eating algae or spoiling for a fight. Besides the Dungeness, this is the only crab that has spilled my blood. Or it may have just been stigmata.



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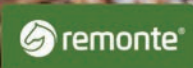
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On the **23rd** day of Crustmas we have two different shore crabs: the purple shore crab (purple spots) and the lined shore crab. These high intertidal and splash zone crabs overlap in both tidal and latitudinal ranges. That means they come together often and clash over territory. That's how we know the shore is a holy place.

On the **24th** day, I'm too busy wrapping Crustmas presents for much other than this collage of various hermit crabs from our local tide pools. Legend has it that Santa Claws (heh, heh) is a hermit crab.



On the **25th** day of Crustmas, I don't know what species of isopod this is, but I call it the Crustmas decoration isopod. If it weren't so tiny, it would look great on top of your Crustmas tree. But regardless of your particular traditions, have a happy, parasite-free holiday! ●

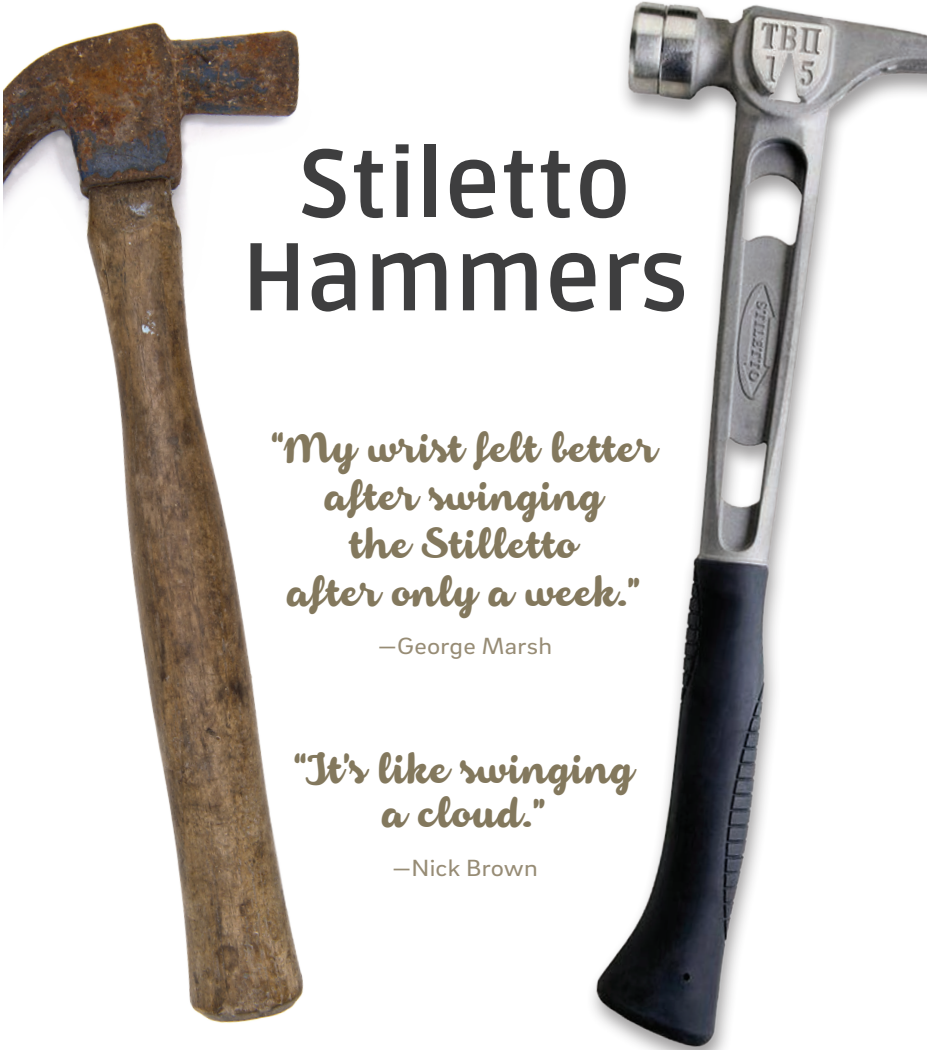
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Blackout Soup

Vegan coconut corn chowder from pantry to pot

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Looking back on the Darkpocalypse of October 2019, I found my household was ill-prepared for this type of event, not to mention any greater potential disaster. Yes, it's on my to-do list now to gather our supplies, stock appropriate emergency provisions and generally be more prepared. But here's the thing: I'm fortunate to have this great circle of people who didn't hesitate to band together and make the most of those 30 or so hours without power. So, at least for this event, not only were we covered for anything we might be lacking, but we actually enjoyed it. One family hosted the first night, another couple took the next (even though the power was back on), and we gathered and enjoyed each other's company sharing stories of the craziness going on around us. From freezers slowly warming, they pulled out coconut shrimp, pizzas and corn dogs (much to all the children's delight) and threw them in their huge Wolf oven to make the main feature of the feast.

While everyone else was figuring out how to salvage their various semi-frozen meat products, I took this as an opportu-

nity to use the potatoes languishing on my countertop and what canned goods I had available to make something vegan. Turns out I had everything I needed for coconut corn chowder. I ate two or three bowls worth and so did most of the adults. So did some of the kids, despite all those corn dogs. It was that good.

Coconut Corn Chowder

It's a personal choice whether you want to peel the potatoes or not. I didn't in this case — I was running out of daylight!

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1 medium yellow onion, diced
1-2 teaspoons minced garlic
4 cups of vegetable stock
2 cans of coconut milk
5-6 medium potatoes, diced
1 can of kernel corn, drained
2 cups frozen sweet corn (or a second can of corn)
1 small can of diced green chiles
1 pinch dried thyme
1 pinch dried oregano

Sauté the onion and garlic in olive oil over medium heat until tender and translucent.

Add the vegetable stock and coconut milk, stirring well. Then add the potatoes, canned and frozen corn and green chiles.

With everything in the pot, season with salt and pepper to your liking, add a pinch of thyme and oregano, and simmer until the potato chunks are easily pierced by a fork. If you want to get fancy, you can top this with cilantro, sliced scallions or chopped jalapeños, though I don't think any of those additions are necessary for a hearty, simple soup.

When the power was back on, I remade this and, as I like a thicker soup, I removed half of the soup and pureed it before adding it back. Throw your favorite croutons or crackers on top, or dunk a chewy chunk of sourdough and enjoy.

Cheryl Churchill trained at Le Cordon Bleu and the Bellagio in Las Vegas. She prefers she/her pronouns.



Hearty vegan corn chowder.

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War is Over (If You Want It)

By Collin Yeo

music@northcoastjournal.com



Kitka plays the Arcata Playhouse on Friday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. *Courtesy of the artists*

Despite what the shrieking dummkopfs in the right-wing media sphere might have you believe, there was only ever one war on Christmas on this continent and it happened during the 17th century. The aggressors in question were Massachusetts Puritans, offshoots of the *Mayflower* borne pilgrims, whom we were taught to venerate as schoolchildren as the founders of the Great American Experience. This group of people was so disgusted by what they saw as a frivolous and scripturally unfounded joyful bacchanal reeking of Catholic popery that many communities banned all celebrations outright. When the Puritans back in Merry Olde swept to power during the English Civil War, they outlawed the holiday altogether in the mid 1640's, along with Easter and Whitsun (Pentecost). This was not a popular law and many records exist of the citizens in small British towns forcing shop owners to close their doors and celebrate the glad tidings with the rest of Christendom. Eventually things changed and the rigid forefathers of modern conservatism found new scapegoats to hunt and torture.

This holiday, if anything beyond being the most holy and sacred observation of the birth of the Messiah, is a time for celebration and not a time for mindless consumerism or Puritan austerity. It's a time for generosity, love, redemption and the recognition of the vast plurality of the human experience. So close the shops, tell your misinformed Puritan friends to "shut it" about the culture war and please enjoy yourselves. Be nice to each other, look past the walls of identity to the glowing lights of humanity that each living person bears daily. And do good things for each other because, if nothing else, it's pretty cold out there right now.

Joyeux Noël.

Thursday

Groundation is a nine-piece reggae jazz outfit that has been around for more than two decades in various iterations. Tonight the ensemble plays Humbrews, so expect

funk and jazz metrics amid improvisational flourishes underneath a big ol' reggae umbrella. This should be a fun one for the devotees and casuals alike. At 9:30 p.m. (\$25, \$20 advance).

Friday

The Arcata Playhouse presents *Wintersongs* by **Kitka** tonight at 7:30 p.m. Kitka is an all-female vocal ensemble founded in 1979 that specializes in the intricate harmonic music of Eastern Europe, Eurasia, the Balkans and the Caucasus Mountains. This is incredible stuff and, although our winters have nothing on the frozen austerity of those regions, I believe that this glorious music will resonate with those of us on the Lost Coast of California (\$30, \$25 members/students/veterans).

Saturday (Winter Solstice)

It's the beginning of what were traditionally the coldest months of the year until we drop-kicked the planet's ecosystems in the interest of our species' bizarre obsession with making a few dozen white dog turds who run the fossil fuel industry richer than intergalactic pharaohs. Instead of doing the reasonable thing and putting those billionaire creeps on what's left of the polar ice floe and kicking the whole mess out to sea, we have strangely decided to continue enabling their greedy mass murder of our beloved home. So I can't tell you what sort of a winter we should expect this year, only that today is the official start of it. And what better way to bring in the beautiful months of solar withholding than to head over to the Miniplex to celebrate the third annual Krampusfest, a celebration of that dark and evil demon who haunted the good people of various European countries during Yuletides of yore? The music will be provided by the elusive **Blood Gnome**, the always delightful sonic storytelling of **The Comix Trip** and the punk eruptions **Sad Krotch** 9 p.m. (\$10). Starting at 7:30 p.m. at the bar at Richards' Goat, there will also be a Krampus onsite who will be available for pictures and naughty child — or corporate bastard — disposal.

Sunday

Today I highly recommend heading down to the Arcata Plaza at 4:30 p.m. to enjoy the Chabad of Humboldt's public celebration of Chanukah. This being the first night of Chanukah, there will be the lighting of a 9-foot-tall menorah, traditional Jewish food will be available and the debut of a brand new band called **Or B'Shachor** ("light in the black/darkness") is happening. *Chag sameach.*

Monday

This is the beginning of the quiet patch that leads up to Christmas so I don't have any musical recommendations for you. Enjoy a quiet Christmas Eve eve.

Tuesday (Christmas Eve)

Reading ghost stories used to be standard during Christmastime in England. One can still see remnants of that tradition in the popularity of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and in its many modern versions (my personal favorite is the movie *Scrooged*). Might I suggest that you spend tonight pursuing this idea? One such spooky showing I enjoy is a double feature of two of director Bob Clark's best holiday tales: 1974's excellent proto-slasher *Black Christmas* followed by his massively popular and somewhat less-scary film *A Christmas Story*. You can also sneak *Gremlins* in there as padding.

Wednesday (Christmas)

Merry Christmas. Peace on Earth and goodwill to all humankind.

Full show listings in the Journal's Music and More grid, the Calendar and online. Bands and promoters, send your gig info, preferably with a high-res photo or two, to music@northcoastjournal.com.

Collin Yeo wants just one thing for Christmas this year: joy for all of his fellow Humboldtshviki. If he can get two things, the second would be for the New Orleans Saints to win the Super Bowl. He prefers he/him and lives in Arcata.

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Happy Holidays from the O'Briens!

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Dear Friends and Family,
Once again it's that time of year when I curl up with a glass of eggnog in front of the fire and share what our family has been up to. I know plenty of folks are keeping up with each other on Facebook and Instagram, but it just isn't Christmas unless I do the newsletter. Even though over the years I've watched my own haul of holiday cards dwindle from a mailbox full of embossed reindeer and flocked snowscapes to a blackjack hand of dollar store postcards and, of course, the big family photo from my sister Shannon. Other than that, it's just mass emails with photos that pop up on the screen so large I'm looking at everyone's pores and a text from my daughter Ellen with emojis that don't show up on my phone. But I'm sure they were chosen with love, Ellen!

My goodness, I always forget how sweet this stuff is — could use another little splash of cheer to thin it out. There we go. To be honest, I'm not even sure whether the 58 people I send my little newsletter to in hand-addressed envelopes with little snowman stamps even read them. Maybe they just open them, count the three pages of my annual attempt to maintain connections with the folks we've shared our lives with and slip it right into what's probably the wrong recycling bin! Who knows? Yeah, that's still a little sweet. There we go.

Oh, it's not always easy putting a positive spin on the year, either, but I do it! Even in this roiling hellscape of a decade, I scrape together a highlight reel of the O'Brien family's greatest hits and pay \$.50 apiece to send copies seemingly into the void. Which is freeing in a way! I could type out our darkest secrets in this thing and none of you would notice! So let's brace ourselves with another short glass of nog and get to it, shall we?

Bill and I celebrated our silver anniversary in March and after 30 years together, we still feel like newlyweds — even more so now that the kids are both out of the house. Yup, like newlyweds in a period drama where they marry off complete

strangers. Except instead of some dark, moody Scottsman striding across the moors, I've got the only man of his generation who still doesn't know how to clear a computer search history. Cheers to you, honeybun!

I'll tell you what, as festive as eggnog is, it sure doesn't quench your thirst. It might actually be making me more thirsty.

Anywho, this July we also celebrated the birth of our first grandchild, Gray. That's right, it's not only a popular color for sedans and office buildings, but a thing people name boys now! Our daughter Ellen and her husband Connor are doing a fantastic job as new parents, shielding his eyes from any screens like they're protecting him from a nuclear blast and not letting him within 10 feet of any plastic toys. Only unpainted wooden toys for little Gray! Which is something they might have mentioned before we bought a freaking oil drum of colorful blocks but I'm sure they were just busy and exhausted since they won't let him cry for two minutes together.

Whoops! A little nog on the keyboard there. It's fine, it's fine. Thanksgiving, though! Once again we went to my sister Shannon's to celebrate with her enormous family and the "fresh" (read: raw) home-made cranberry relish she's so proud of. Her knee surgery went well, by the way, and she's already back to Zumba and referring to herself as a "dancer." While the ban on talking politics was only partially successful, we all discovered that his abhorrent positions gave us all an excuse to finally lay into Uncle Carl, who has always been the worst.

And as usual, Shannon organized the big family photo while we were all together. Before I get into that, another glass of eggnog is in order.

So, the photo. Just 20 adults and a dozen children in matching pajamas. Even Grandpa Jack, who turned 96 the



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day before Thanksgiving this year — a milestone we honored by hauling him to Shannon's, feeding him cranberry sauce he could barely chew and dressing him in pajamas that said "What the Elf?" so he could have his photos taken with people he doesn't recognize. Not that the man isn't still sharp as a tack — Shannon just insists on dragging everyone's ex and their new spouses and kids into this fleece trainwreck. That man next to her daughter Eileen? I have never met him before in my life.

All this honesty is so refreshing. And since we're being honest, this is not so much eggnog as a mug of flavored coffee creamer with three fingers of vodka in it. The crackling fire may in fact be an ashtray of stubbed out Lucky Strikes. God, that's a relief.

And so I end this letter with a final toast from our family to yours. Happy Holidays and a bright 2020 to you all!

(Except you, Carl. I'll see you in hell.)

Sincerely,
Betty O'Brien

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Calendar

Dec. 19 – 26, 2019



Submitted

You can only bake so many cookies and sing so many *Frozen* songs over the winter break. Take your kids (or be an angel and escort someone else's) to **Camp SCRAP: Winter Wonderland** on **Monday, Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** and **Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** (\$35). The tykes will craft environmentally friendly gifts and learn about sustainability.



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Time travel to the days of bonnets and bustles (minus the historical downsides) during **Victorian Holidays** up and down **Ferndale's Main Street**. There'll be live music and costumed caroling, with shops open **5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20**.



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Slytherin green with envy at all the kids enjoying that Harry Potter party a couple weeks ago? Shake out your dress robes for the **Holiday Hogwarts Ball** on **Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.** at **Redwood Raks World Dance Studio** (\$12, \$5 children). Sip mulled wine and nibble magical treats — costumes encouraged for the whole fam. Kids must attend the Hogsmeade hoedown with an adult and right there's your in.



Elf

Miracle on Film

Ho, ho, holy smokes, it's already the middle of December. With all the running around to holiday parties, shopping and baking, have you even started your Christmas movie watching? Forget the Hallmark Channel's cookie-cutter scraps and head to a vintage theater for the good treats.

On **Dec. 19** get to the **Eureka Theater** at **7 p.m.**, order a hot toddy at the bar and settle in for the **7:30 p.m.** showing of ***Miracle on 34th Street*** — yes, of course the 1947 original because this is not a game, people (\$6). This is the hard-nosed Maureen O'Hara as the mother of Susan (little Natalie Wood), cynical beyond her years, meeting Kris Kringle (played by Edmund Gwenn, still the best beard in the business). Is this Macy's department store Santa the real thing? Is the film's spirit of Christmas message ultimately anti-capitalist? Discuss!

Return to the **Eureka Theater** on **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.** for the Frank Capra classic ***It's a Wonderful Life*** (1946), starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed (\$6). Can an angel convince a down-on-his-luck banker George Bailey (Stewart) the world needs him in it? Will anybody find out old man Potter has the missing dough or will he, like so many banking villains, go unpunished? For real, I'm dying over here.

Or, bring your sweet tooth to the **Arcata Theatre Lounge** on **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.** for the brilliance of ***Elf*** (2003) and watch Will Ferrell Christmas ham it up as Buddy, a human raised in Santa's workshop. Buddy leaves his adopted dad (a teeny Bob Newhart) to find his long-lost biological father, played by James Caan in all his gruffness. Can a gentle soul like Buddy survive New York? Do Will Ferrell and James Caan maybe look a little alike? Discuss!

— Jennifer Fumiko Cahill



Courtesy of the Dance Scene

Sugarplum Fix

It's holiday ballet season and if you haven't gotten out to see one of the onstage confections of twirling tutus yet, it's not too late.

For the classic experience, you can't beat ***The Nutcracker***. See the Dance Scene's **Sundance Ballet Co.** perform it at the **Van Duzer Theatre** on **Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 and 7 p.m.**, and on **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.** (\$20, \$15 kids, \$18, \$12 kids advance). And listen, just because it's the gold standard doesn't mean it's not wild — I mean, you've got young Clara traveling to meet the Sugarplum Fairy in the Land of Sweets and the Nutcracker Prince throwing down with a Rat King. Drama.

It's more of a mash-up over at ***Candy Cane Lane*** on **Saturday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.** and **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.** at the **Arkley Center for the Performing Arts** (\$13.50, \$9.50 kids 3-12, free for kids 2 and under). No Limits Dance Academy performers dance as characters like Bella Bakes-a-lot, Holly Berry, Jack and Jacqueline Frost, dancing their way to the North Pole and Santa Claus. Expect Gingerbread People and other dancing carbs, plus Grinches and Elves.

— Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

19 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing Group. 7-9 p.m. Cheri Blackerby Gallery, 272 C St., Eureka. Chip in for the live model and hone your artistic skills. Go into the courtyard on C Street to the room on the right. \$5. 442-0309.

Healing Sketchbook Workshop. Third Thursday of every month, 5-6 p.m. Outer Space, 1100 M St., Arcata. Conversations About Power holds a workshop focusing on mixed-media sketchbook techniques. All levels welcome. Bring sketchbook and art supplies. Some supplies available. Free, donations appreciated. ConversationsAboutPower@gmail.com. www.conversationsaboutpower.com. 442-8413.

Playing into Transformation. 3-4:30 p.m. The Connection HPRC, 334 F St. (former Bank of America building), Eureka. Use the power of improv, somatic therapy, visualization and explorative games to fuel transformation. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. 497-9039.

DANCE

Redwood Fusion Partner Dance. 7-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Contemporary partner dance with an improvised, lead-follow approach. A 7 p.m. lesson, 8 p.m. dancing. \$5, first time free. www.redwoodraks.com.

MOVIES

***Miracle on 34th Street* (1947).** 7:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. Heartwarming holiday film classic on the big screen. Hot toddies and other warm beverages available. \$6. www.theeurekatheater.org.

MUSIC

Humboldt Ukulele Group. Third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. A casual gathering of strummers. Beginners welcome. \$3. dsanderl@arcatanet.com. 839-2816.

THEATER

Return to Oz. 7:30-9 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. The Dell'Arte Company's annual holiday show tour ushers in the festive season with an adaptation of L. Frank Baum's original world of Oz trilogy. \$12, \$10, \$8. www.dellarte.com/shows-and-events/mad-river-festival-2/. 668-5663.

ELECTIONS

Dem Debate Watch Party. 5-8 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Join other members of the community for the Democratic Party's sixth debate. This watch party is co-hosted by Bernie 2020 Humboldt and everyone is welcome. www.savagehenrymagazine.com.

FOR KIDS

Trinidad Library Toddler Storytime. 10-11 a.m. Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court. Stories with the little ones. Free. trihuml@co.humboldt.ca.us. 677-0227.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Hogwarts Ball. 6-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. An immersive costumed event with music, mulled wine, activities and the treats and splendor of Hogsmeade with plenty of holiday surprises. All children must attend with an adult, families encouraged to dress up together. \$12, \$5 children. www.redwoodraks.com.

MEETINGS

350 Humboldt Monthly Meeting. 6-8 p.m. Call for location, Humboldt. A holiday potluck gathering. Please bring a potluck dish and your own table setting. Families welcome. 616-3906.

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ETC

Katie's Krafters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Arcata Senior Dining Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New members welcome. Anyone with sewing or quilting experience or who wants to learn. Free.

Standard Magic Tournament. 6-10 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Put your deck to the test. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

20 Friday

ART

Drop-in Volunteering. 1-6 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Drop-in volunteering every Friday to help the creative reuse nonprofit. Free. volunteer@scraphumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org. 822-2452.

COMEDY

Cash for Kids: A Benefit Show. 9-11:45 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Bare Elegance Burlesque and Savage Henry team up for an evening of variety, charity and entertainment benefiting The Raven Project. \$10. www.savagehenrymagazine.com.

Friday Night Improv Show. 7-9:45 p.m. Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka. Watch or play fun improv games with audience suggestions. Clean comedy. All ages welcome. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. www.oldtowncoffeereureka.com. 497-9039.

On the Spot Improv Comedy. 7 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Improv comedy showcase made up on the spot based on audience input. You say it, they play it. Ages 10+. \$7. www.arcatatheatre.com.

DANCE

World Dance. 7:30 p.m. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1675 Chester Ave., Arcata. Humboldt Folk Dancers sponsor teaching and easy dances, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; request dancing, 8:30 p.m. \$3. g-b-deja@sbcglobal.net. www.stalbansarcata.org.

LECTURE

The Amanita Before Christmas. 7:30 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. College of the Redwoods professor Maria Morrow reads a whimsical yet educational seasonal tale. Hot mulled cider and cookies provided; please bring your own mug/cup. Seating is limited to the first 50 attendees, on a first-come, first-served basis. Free. 826-2359.

MUSIC

KITKA Wintersong. 7:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Seasonal music from a variety of Eastern European ethnic and spiritual traditions sung by the women's vocal ensemble. Following, Chubritza, folk dancers and Balkan Music Meetup members open the floor for dancing, singing, snacks and pre-solstice activities. \$30 general, \$25 Playhouse members.

THEATER

Return to Oz. 7:30-9 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See Dec. 19 listing.

Matilda. 8 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. The award-winning musical with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs. \$18 general admission \$16 students (15-college) \$16 seniors (60+) \$10 youth (ages 3-14). www.ferndalerep.org.

EVENTS

Creamery District Night Market. 5-9 p.m. Creamery District, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Night market with local artists, businesses, music and food. Free. creameryinfo@gmail.com.

FOR KIDS

Baby Read & Grow. Third Friday of every month, 11-11:45

a.m. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Babies and their families are invited to share songs, finger plays and short stories at this early literacy event. Free. jlancaster@co.humboldt.ca.us. www.humlib.org. 269-1910.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Victorian Holidays. 5-9 p.m. Main Street, Ferndale. Enjoy a festive atmosphere of holiday shopping, dining, live music, costumes and activities as shops stay open late from 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays until Christmas. Weekly themes TBD.

ETC

Beginning Computer Skills. 10 a.m.-noon Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. For beginner adults with little-to-no computer experience who want to get comfortable using a computer. Free. www.humlib.org. 269-1900.

A Call to Yarns. Noon-1 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Knit. Chat. Relax. Free. sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us. 822-5954.

Solidarity Fridays. 5-6 p.m. County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Join Veterans for Peace and the North Coast People's Alliance for a peaceful protest on the courthouse lawn. www.northcoastpeoplesalliance.org.

21 Saturday

ART

Holiday Studio Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thimbleberry Threads Studio, 4460 Dow's Prairie Road, McKinleyville. Featuring Beth Kabat's handprinted textiles, Linda Parkinson's wildlife watercolors, Robin Friedman's glass jewelry, wine stoppers, mosaics and home decor, Blue Chair Press tool shirts and Diane's Sweet Heat jams. Refreshments. kabat@humboldt1.com. 839-3831.

DANCE

Candy Cane Lane. 6-9 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. Join Starla Shine, Bella Bakes-a-lot, Holly Berry, Jack and Jacqueline Frost as they travel down Candy Cane Lane in search of the North Pole and Santa Claus. \$13.50, \$9.50 kids 3-12, free for kids 2 and under. nolimitstapandjazz@yahoo.com. www.nolimitsdanceacademy.com. 825-0922.

The Nutcracker. 2 & 7 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Humboldt State University, Arcata. The iconic holiday ballet classic presented by The Dance Scene Studio's performance company, The Sundance Ballet Company. \$20, \$15 kids, \$18, \$12 kids advance.

THEATER

Return to Oz. 2-3:30 & 7:30-9 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See Dec. 19 listing.

Matilda. 2 & 8 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Dec. 20 listing.

EVENTS

Winterbrite Pub Crawl. 4-8 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Take a stroll through the streets of Old Town and Downtown Eureka sampling delicious drink and appetizer specials featuring locally made products from select bars and restaurants. www.eurekamainstreet.org.

FOR KIDS

PAWS to Read. Third Saturday of every month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Join Rufus, a licensed therapy dog, and his human Jean Ann to read or tell stories. Stop by the desk in the children's room desk to complete the permission form and sign up as much as a week in advance. Free. www.humlib.org. 269-1910.

Storytime and Crafts. 11:30 a.m. Blue Lake Library, 111 Greenwood Ave. Followed by crafts at noon. Now with a Spanish and English story every first and third Saturday. Free. blkhml@co.humboldt.ca.us. 668-4207.

Virtual Reality at the McKinleyville Library. Third Saturday of every month, 2-5 p.m. McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Road. Drop in to try out virtual reality as part of the California Virtual Reality Experience, bringing this new technology to communities that might otherwise not have it.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Winter Farmers' Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Fresh GMO-free foods direct from the farmers. Fruits and vegetables, humanely raised meats, pastured eggs, artisanal body products, plants, hot food stands and more.

Breakfast and Flea Market. Third Saturday of every month, 8:30 a.m. Dow's Prairie Grange Hall, 3995 Dow's Prairie Road, McKinleyville. Enjoy pancakes, eggs and browsing knickknacks. Flea market ends at 3 p.m. \$5, \$3 for kids, first responders eat free. dowsgrange@gmail.com. www.dowspairiegrange.org. 840-0100.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Live Nativity. 6-8 p.m. First Covenant Church Eureka, 2526 J St. See the story of Christmas told through seven drive-thru scenes (including live animals) from the comfort of your car. Near I and Buhne streets in Eureka. Look for signs/people directing you to the spot. Free. 442-6774.

Season of Wonder and Light - Winter Celebration. 3-6 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Winter Solstice celebration and a visit from the Snowflake Queen.

Visit With Santa. Noon-3 p.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. Say hi to the jolly old elf. Free.

MEETINGS

Photoshop User Group. Third Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-noon. Prosperity Center, 520 E St., Eureka. Adobe Photoshop or LightRoom beginners and power users gather to swap ideas and techniques. Informal lunch usually follows. Free. wrishel@gmail.com. www.eurekaphotoshop.com. (510) 410-3310.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Paul Johnson for a 90-minute walk focusing on plants, ecology and how to get better photos around the marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. Free. 826-2359.

Audubon Society Arcata Marsh Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring your binoculars and meet in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata, rain or shine. Free. www.rras.org/calendar. 826-7031.

Dune Ecosystem Restoration Day. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Volunteers will be removing invasive plants to make room for native plant diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks provided. Please bring water and wear work clothes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. www.friendsofthedunes.org. 444-1397.

ETC

Stitches in the Stacks. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Hang out with other knitters and crocheters. Bring your latest project and join in. All levels welcome. The library's programs and services are intended to be accessible to people with disabilities. Free. www.humlib.org. 269-1905.

Women's Peace Vigil. Noon-1 p.m. County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Dress in warm clothing and bring your own chair. No perfume, please. Free. 269-7044.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Standard League. 1-4 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your decks and claim your prizes. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

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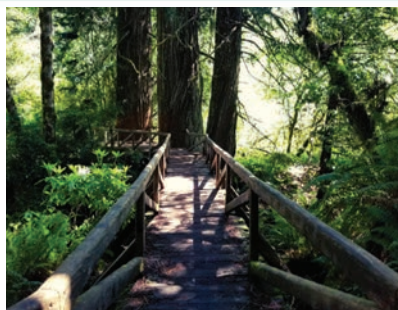


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The Nutcracker. 2 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Humboldt State University, Arcata. See Dec. 21 listing.

MOVIES

Elf (2003). 6 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn and syrup. \$5. www.arcatatheatre.com.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946). 2 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. Sunday family matinee screening of the beloved holiday classic. \$6. www.theeurekatheater.org.

MUSIC

Bayside Community Hall Music Project. 6-8 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Bandedemonium, community activist street band. Bring wind instruments and drums. Free. gregg@relevantmusic.org. www.relevantmusic.org/Bayside. 499-8516.

McKinleyville Community Choir Holiday Concert. 3 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. The choir and director Jon Reisdorf present a holiday program. Goodies served. Free.

THEATER

Return to Oz. 2-3:30 & 7:30-9 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See Dec. 19 listing.

Matilda. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Dec. 20 listing.

EVENTS

Joy of Giving and Short Documentaries. 5-7:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. TRUEntertainment presents a Bosnian vegetarian dinner followed by the U.S. premiere of *Freedom Growing in the Basket* and *Indira*. Q&A with director Amber Fares and Indira Kaljo, founder and director of Global Sports and Activism. Kids play area. \$10. peaceloveandkindness@outlook.com. 840-6067.

FOR KIDS

Lego Club. 12:30-2 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. For ages 4 and up. Free w/museum admission. www.discovery-museum.org.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Chanukah on the Plaza. 4:30-6 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Lighting of the 9-foot menorah, live performance by the band Or BaChoshech - Light in Darkness, hot latkes, dreidels, gelt, menorahs and more. Free.

Live Nativity. 6-8 p.m. First Covenant Church Eureka, 2526 J St. See Dec. 21 listing.

Visit With Santa. Noon-3 p.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. See Dec. 21 listing.

SPORTS

Sunday NFL. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Watch the games on the giant screen. Free w/\$5 food/bev purchase. www.arcatatheatre.com.

ETC

Pokémon Trade and Play. 3-5 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your cards to play or learn. Free. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

23 Monday

BOOKS

Writing Group. 4-5:30 p.m. Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka. Authors and authors-to-be supporting one another weekly, from plotting to publication. RSVP by text or email. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. www.oldtowncoffeereureka.com. 497-9039.

COMEDY

Improv Show. 6-7:45 p.m. Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka. Watch or play fun improv games. Audience suggestions taken for scenes, plays, films, songs and more. Clean comedy. All ages welcome. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. www.oldtowncoffeereureka.com. 497-9039.

Monday Night Pod. 7-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Live recordings of podcasts on the Savage Henry Podcast Network. Usually two recordings 7 and 9 p.m. Free. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

DANCE

Baile Terapia. 7-8 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Paso a Paso hosts dance therapy. Free. jorge.matas@stjoe.org. 441-4477.

MUSIC

Humboldt Harmonaires. 7-9:30 p.m. Eureka High School, 1915 J St. Sing four-part men's a cappella barber-shop harmony, no experience needed. All voice levels and ages welcome. In the EHS band room located in the rear with parking at Del Norte and J streets. Free. SrJoePapa@gmail.com. 834-0909.

Join the Scotia Band. 7:30-9 p.m. Fortuna High School, 379 12th St. Woodwind, brass and percussion musicians (intermediate level and above) of all ages are invited. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Fortuna High Band Room and performs publicly throughout the year. Free. thescotiaband@yahoo.com. www.scotiaband2.org. 599-4872.

FOR KIDS

Camp SCRAP: Winter Wonderland. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Make wintery seasonal projects using upcycled materials while learning about the environmental importance of sustainable making. \$35. education@scraphumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org/programs/camp. 822-2452.

MEETINGS

Volunteer Orientation. 2:30 p.m. Food for People, 307 W. 14th St., Eureka. Learn to pack and sort food, work with clients, collect donations and cook. panderson@foodforpeople.org.

SPORTS

Monday Night NFL. 4:30-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Watch the game on the giant screen. Free w/\$5 food/bev purchase. www.arcatatheatre.com.

24 Tuesday

COMEDY

Trivia Tuesdays. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Teams of three. Three rounds. Real prizes. \$5 team entry fee. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

DANCE

Let's Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Live music. All ages. \$6. www.facebook.com/humboldt.grange. 725-5323.

FOR KIDS

Camp SCRAP: Winter Wonderland. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. See Dec. 23 listing.

Family Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. A rotating group of storytellers entertain children ages 2-6 and parents at Fortuna Library. Free. www.humlib.org. 725-3460.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbers. 6:15 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Humboldt Cribbage Club plays weekly. Seven games in summer and nine games during the season. \$8. grasshopper60@aol.com. 444-3161.

ETC

Bingo. 6 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Speed bingo, early and regular games. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games \$1-\$10.

Board Game Night. 6-9 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Choose from a variety of games or bring your own. All ages. Free. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

Ferndale Cribbage. 10 a.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 425 Shaw Ave., Ferndale. Cards and pgs.

Katie's Krafters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Arcata Senior Dining Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See Dec. 19 listing.

Pokémon Trade and Play. 3-6 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. See Dec. 22 listing.

25 Wednesday

COMEDY

Open Mikey. 9-11:45 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Hosted by Nando Molina, Jessica Grant and Josh Barnes. Sign up early. For beginners and seasoned comics. Free. peter@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com/events. 798-6333.

MUSIC

Sweet Harmony Women's Chorus. 6-8 p.m. Arcata United Methodist Church, 1761 11th St. All-female barbershop-style chorus that sings a variety of music in four-part, a cappella harmonies. Accepting new members. Ability to read music not required. barbershophumboldt@gmail.com. (802) 490-9455, 601-8219.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas Day Meal. Noon. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. The Garberville Veterans Association's 38th annual Christmas Day meal. Santa will pay a visit and give out gifts by 3 p.m. Free. www.mateel.org. 223-3063, 499-3931.

MEETINGS

Health Care for All/Physicians for a National Health Program. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5-6 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Learn about the benefits and cost savings of a single-payer healthcare system for California. Free. healthcareforallhumboldt@gmail.com. (805) 844-6655.

OUTDOORS

Christmas Day Walk. 10 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Join Ken Burton (expertise in birds and plants) and Alex Stillman (history, wastewater treatment) on a 90-minute walk around the marsh. Meet on the porch of the Interpretive Center on South G Street (building may be closed for the holiday). Free. 826-2359.

ETC

Casual Magic. 4-9 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your decks and connect with the local Magic community. Beginners welcome. Door prizes and drawings. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

Family Night. 4-7 p.m. Blood Bank, 2524 Harrison Ave., Eureka. The Blood Bank will make dinner and watch the kids while you donate. Free. recruit@nccbb.org. www.nccbb.org. 443-8004.

26 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing Group. 7-9 p.m. Cheri Blackerby Gallery, 272 C St., Eureka. See Dec. 19 listing.

Playing into Transformation. 3-4:30 p.m. The Connection HPRC, 334 F St. (former Bank of America building), Eureka. See Dec. 19 listing.

COMEDY

Just Joshin' Late Night Talk Show. Last Thursday of every month, 9-11:45 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Josh Barnes runs his comedy extravaganza the last Thursday of every month. Variety shows, late night talk shows, stand-up showcases. \$5. peter@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com. 798-6333.

DANCE

Redwood Fusion Partner Dance. 7-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. See Dec. 19 listing.

FOR KIDS

Trinidad Lego Club. Fourth Thursday of every month, 3-4:30 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. Calling all masterbuilders 5 and up for the Trinidad Lego Club now meeting at the Trinidad Civic Club Room on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Free. 496-6455.

Trinidad Library Toddler Storytime. 10-11 a.m. Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court. See Dec. 19 listing.

MEETINGS

Toastmasters. Fourth Thursday of every month, noon. Redwood Sciences Laboratory, 1700 Bayview St., Arcata. Give and receive feedback and learn to speak with confidence. Second and fourth Thursdays. Visitors welcome.

ETC

Katie's Krafters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Arcata Senior Dining Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See Dec. 19 listing.

Standard Magic Tournament. 6-10 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. See Dec. 19 listing.

Heads Up ...

The 20/20 Vision: 20th Anniversary Fine Art Photography Competition & Exhibition, open to all photographers, is accepting submissions in person on Wednesday, Jan. 15, noon-5 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

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No Good Deed

6 *Underground* and *Richard Jewell*

By John J. Bennett

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Reviews

6UNDERGROUND. More than six years ago, I reviewed *Pain & Gain* (2013) and, in so doing, established that I will not, whether out of actual enjoyment or simple contrarianism, participate in the popular wholesale condemnation of Michael Bay movies. I find much of his work arch and unenjoyable, but there are simple pleasures in what he does and one must admit his style is unmistakable and, maybe 25 years ago, actually pretty innovative. He is a technician of cinema who shamelessly makes movies for teenage boys; most of the time he's rather good at it. The trouble starts when Bay tries to change lanes and make something more mature. His narrative tone-deafness hobbled *Pain & Gain*, which romped along gleefully even as the story turned bleak and disturbing.

6 Underground suffers from a similar disconnect, trying to be a large-scale action comedy and a message movie without quite being either one. It is noteworthy, though, for entirely non-artistic reasons: With a reported budget of \$150 million, *6 Underground* marks Netflix's continuing progression toward becoming the 800-pound gorilla of contemporary American movie making. Like *The Irishman*, this release would have seemed impossible (or at least highly unlikely) just two years ago, when the company broke the bank with the middling, misguided, rather poorly received sci-fi hodge-podge of *Bright* (2017), with a budget roughly half to two-thirds of either of the two mentioned above. So it's significant, if not all that good, even measured only against the rest of the Bay canon.

Written by Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick, lately of *Deadpool* acclaim, *6 Underground* takes a run at franchise building by imagining a world in which a handsome, eccentric billionaire (Ryan Reynolds) can fake his own death and secretly build an elite tactical unit (the titular six) with a do-gooder global agenda. No mention of where he acquired the skills required for such work or how, in the age of social media, a billionaire *who looks like Ryan Reynolds* can gallivant around the globe shooting bad guys in broad daylight without being recognized. But we can move past that, right? But not really because the movie's timeline and execution are just as muddled as the quasi-reality it

inhabits. Reynolds' character, who insists on only being called One (so as not to build attachments, since trying to save the world together certainly won't do that), has a precipitous change of heart when he witnesses the gassing of refugees by their own government in the unfortunately named imaginary nation of Turgistan.

Catalyzed, he abandons his wanton, selfish ways and sets a plan in motion to recruit five other elite operators and eventually overthrow Rovach Alimov (Lior Raz) Turgistan's cartoonishly despotic ruler. The team, for some reason, is comprised of a French former CIA agent (Mélanie Laurent), a Mexican hitman (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo), a British free-runner (Ben Hardy), a doctor of dubious origin (Adria Arjona) and a driver (Dave Franco) who doesn't seem particularly proficient behind the wheel. They're all numbered rather than named, of course, which gets slightly confusing when one of them is replaced by a former Delta sniper (Corey Hawkins), who is subsequently assigned the handle Seven.

It's a fun enough premise, kind of a comic book-y creation of a world, and that's all well and good. But Bay handles the material as if it's funny and deadly serious at the same time, and it just isn't. The timeline of the movie is absolutely bananas, hurtling needlessly back and forth across a four-year period so abruptly one doesn't even feel compelled to try and keep up. And the action, ostensibly Bay's strong suit, while inarguably well-choreographed and executed by the stunt teams, comes off unexciting onscreen. There's no reason a car chase through Florence, replete with bodies flying through the air, should be dull, and yet ... R. 127M. NETFLIX.

RICHARD JEWELL. Clint Eastwood's recent track record is a little, shall we say, spotty but for someone knocking on the door of 90 years old, the guy stays pretty nimble. His latest, which apparently isn't enjoying much box office success, still serves, despite its narrative trouble-spots, as a fine example of what Eastwood as director does best.

Based on the bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the aftermath thereof, *Richard Jewell* focuses on the eponymous security guard (Paul Walter Hauser) initially hailed as a hero and then tried in the court of public opinion when he becomes the focus of the FBI's investigation of the



When my song comes on.
Richard Jewell

incident. Watson Bryant (Sam Rockwell), an attorney who has all but hung up the spurs of social justice, comes to Jewell's aid, waging a pitched battle against both the bureau, represented by wrong-headed agent Tom Shaw (Jon Hamm), and the over-zealous news media, embodied by Kathy Scruggs (Olivia Wilde).

Richard Jewell, written by Billy Ray, takes some troubling liberties with the events and people upon which it is based, the most controversial being the depiction of Scruggs sleeping with a source for information, an invention her surviving family and colleagues at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* have denounced. But judging it as a work of fiction, I have to say it is a resounding success. It's economically shot and cut, both trademarks of Eastwood's, and the performances are a veritable master class on acting for the screen. Rockwell and Kathy Bates, as Jewell's mother, both give dynamic, indelible performances. But the movie really belongs to Hauser and should mark his arrival as an actor of merit. He carries it squarely on his shoulders with a fearless portrayal of a man who, while misguided in his worship of law enforcement and perhaps too optimistic for his own good, only wants to do the right thing. R. 131M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

— John J. Bennett is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase and prefers he/him pronouns.

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Opening

BOMBSHELL. Charlize Theron makes a terrifying transformation into Megyn Kelly for a drama about Roger Ailes' gross sexual harassment at a network that continues to be — spoiler! — awful. Also starring Nicole Kidman and Margot Robbie. R. 108M. BROADWAY.

CATS. Furries have their moment with

the musical catnip fever dream T.S. Eliot probably deserves. Starring Taylor Swift, Idris Elba and more stars than you can shake a CG tail at. PG. 110M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946). An angel gets his wings. NR. 130M. BROADWAY.

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER. Wrapping up the Skywalker storyline with Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver and Billy Dee Williams. Please respect my privacy during this difficult time. PG. 141M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

Continuing

BLACK CHRISTMAS. Holiday college slasher with sorority girls arming up against creepy hooded baddies. Starring Imogen Poots and Cary Elwes. PG13. 92M. BROADWAY.

FROZEN 2. Elsa and Anna return for more snowbound sisterly adventure and to put that song back in your head. PG. 104M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

HONEY BOY. A drama about a young actor (Lucas Hedges) in freefall looking back on his childhood and relationship with his father (Shia LaBeouf). R. 94M. MINOR.

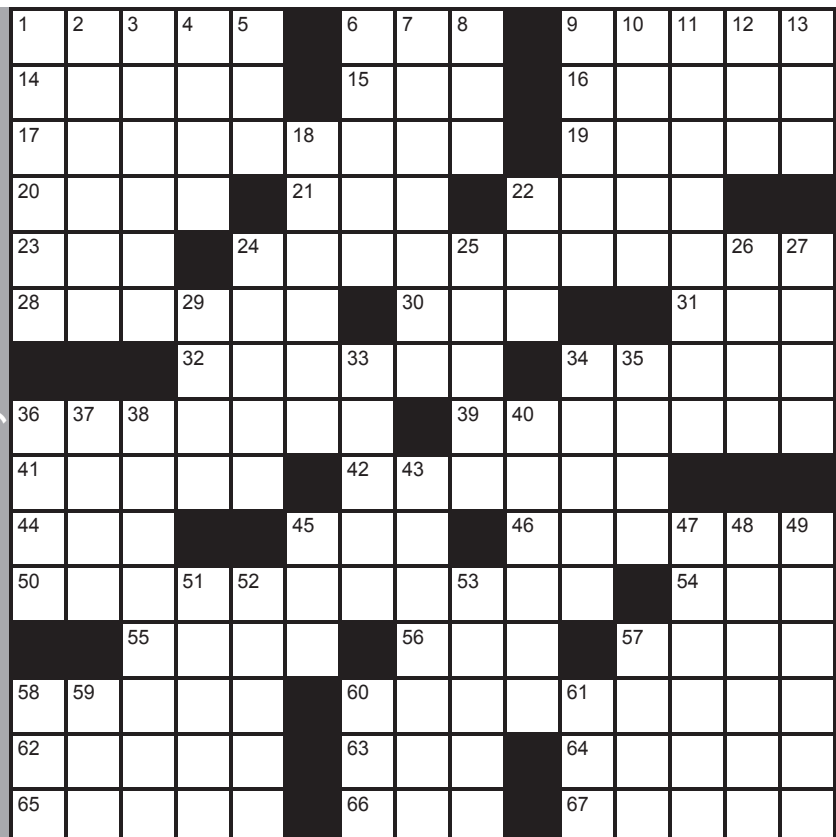
JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL. Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart are literally back in the game, which is glitching. PG13. 123M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

KNIVES OUT. Director Rian Johnson's tightly controlled whodunnit both pays homage to and raises the stakes of classic mystery with a stellar cast. Starring Daniel Craig, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Chris Evans. PG13. 130M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA.

LINDA RONSTADT: THE SOUND OF MY VOICE. Documentary about the iconic singer. With Bonnie Raitt and Dolly Parton, so go and be blessed. PG13. 95M. MINIPLEX.

REDOUBT. Matthew Barney experiments with movement as language on a hunt in the mountains of Idaho. NR. 134M. MINIPLEX.

— Jennifer Fumiko Cahill



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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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ACROSS

1. Most common U.S. surname
6. "All the way with _____" ('64 slogan)
9. Cheeky
14. Words before may or might, in verse
15. Yell with an accent
16. Skipjack and yellowfin
17. Word that describes 67-Across
19. Wide receiver _____ Beckham Jr.
20. Muppets watchers
21. Texer's "Oh, and ..."
22. Raced
23. Hit CBS series with multiple spinoffs
24. Word that describes 67-Across
28. Chinese restaurant offering
30. "Mangia!"
31. Letter holder: Abbr.
32. "Fiddlesticks!"

34. Novelist Charles with an appropriate surname
36. Word that describes 67-Across
39. Word that describes 67-Across
41. "Family Ties" mom
42. Hugs and kisses, perhaps
44. Gas pump spec.
45. Election day: Abbr.
46. Daughter of Muhammad
50. Word that describes 67-Across
54. Rapper Lil _____ X
55. Julia Louis-Dreyfus HBO series
56. "Wheels"
57. Mrs. Krabappel of "The Simpsons"
58. Nice thing after getting the cold shoulder?
60. Work published by 67-Across in 1852

62. Well-hidden fellow of children's books
63. Complex trap
64. Fuming
65. John who's the subject of 2019's "Rocketman"
66. Fuss
67. Man of many words?

DOWN

1. On/Off _____
2. Baseball All-Star Minnie nicknamed "The Cuban Comet"
3. "Don't you agree?"
4. Heyward, Stone or Nelson, as each signed the Declaration of Independence
5. "_____ changed my life, but it doesn't keep me from living": Magic Johnson
6. Buncha

7. More blustery
8. "Seinfeld" nickname
9. It can have three or four legs
10. McDonald who is the only person to win Tonys in all four acting categories
11. Make light of
12. Actor Mineo
13. Monogram on L'Homme products
18. Wear away
22. Hashtag next to a celeb's baby picture, perhaps
24. Little giggle
25. Cavalry weapon
26. Prefix meaning "within"
27. KOA customer
29. Plenty
33. Squabble
34. Surface again, as a road
35. Marco Polo's heading
36. Cheeky
37. Robert of "The Sopranos"
38. Kvetch's phrase
40. Alludes (to)
43. Reacted violently, in a way
45. Baking soda amt.
47. Wearing clothes fit for a queen?
48. 77" center _____ Bol
49. How bedroom furniture is often sold
51. Makeover result
52. French actor Alain
53. Cardio program popularized in the 1990s
57. French bread?
58. Where "crossword" is "korsord": Abbr.
59. Computer that said "Affirmative, Dave. I read you."
60. Carrier from 1930 to 2001
61. Bike tire filler

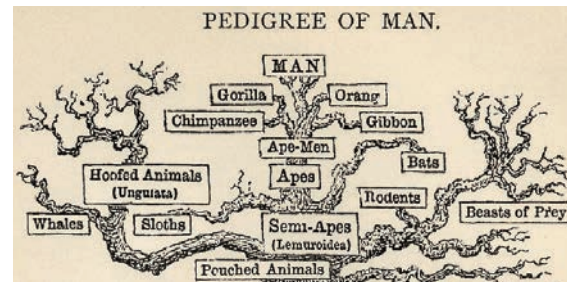
NCJ FIELD NOTES

Evolution Isn't Progress!

Part 1 of 2

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German zoologist Ernst Haeckel's "Tree of Life," from his 1879 book *The Evolution of Man*. Like most of his peers at the time, he considered humans the pinnacle of evolution.

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Evolution is not progress: There's no goal, no purpose, no plan, no direction. Easy to say, hard to believe. We humans are the last to see the randomness of evolution because we think we're special. As the late anthropologist Ruth Benedict said, "Fish are the last to see the water." True, humans have qualities possessed by no other species. From our inevitable anthropocentric point of view, it may seem that skills such as technology, language, writing and the ability to survive in any climate (even the non-climate of space) make us the top dogs here on Earth. That's the message of the accompanying "Pedigree of Man" illustration from 1879, in which we occupy the spot usually reserved for the angel on top of the Christmas tree.

From an alien visitor's point of view, we are indeed special, if the exponential growth of our species' numbers and wholesale manipulation of the global environment count for anything. But maybe ETs would deem other qualities more important if they got around to comparing species. For instance:

Longevity: Compare our mere 200,000 years to that of ants, who have been unchanged for nearly 100 million years and who don't have the self-destructive tendencies we do.

Ecological balance: While we ravage our planet, other species maintain a rough equilibrium with their environment.

Co-existence: While other animals fight for resources or mates, they rarely kill. We go to war.

So if evolution isn't progress, what is it? It's the random process by which living organisms diversified from earlier forms. And it's dependent on three operations:

Heredity: Passing on genes via mitosis or sexual reproduction.

Variation: Random mutations when the reproductive process from one generation to the next isn't perfect.

Selection: "Survival of the fittest," that is, the largely non-random process by which those mutants better suited to their environment than their fellows have

better reproductive success.

This can all be summed up on a T-shirt: "Life Results from the Non-Random Survival of Randomly Varying Replicators" (from biologist Richard Dawkins).

So nothing in how evolution works implies purpose or progress; instead it's opportunistic, moment-by-moment, day-by-day, year-by-year and generation-by-generation. There's no plan, no end goal. If you're unconvinced, consider what is sometimes termed the "de-evolution" of cetaceans. Some 50 million years ago, a hippopotamus-like creature (*Pakicetus*, perhaps) returned to the ocean from which its ancestors had emerged a couple of hundred million years earlier. Arms and legs morphed into the fins and vestigial hindlimbs in today's whales and dolphins. (The up-and-down motion of their tails belies their mammalian ancestry — fish swim side-to-side.) So where's the progress? Leaving the water? Returning to the water? Evolving limbs? Reabsorbing limbs?

If you really think the fact of our cetacean cousins losing their limbs is "de-evolution," you're still stuck with that "tree of life" model wherein each successive generation is an improvement on the previous one. *Pakicetus* returning to the ocean to become whales and dolphins is as much evolution as *Homo erectus* morphing into *Homo sapiens*. It's all non-directional evolution and it doesn't necessarily lead to greater complexity. Only when we see ourselves as special, as the pinnacle of nature's 4 billion years of experiments, are we stuck with the fallacious notion of "progress."

Next time, we'll look at "one of the most intriguing, and most misleading, drawings in the modern history of science."

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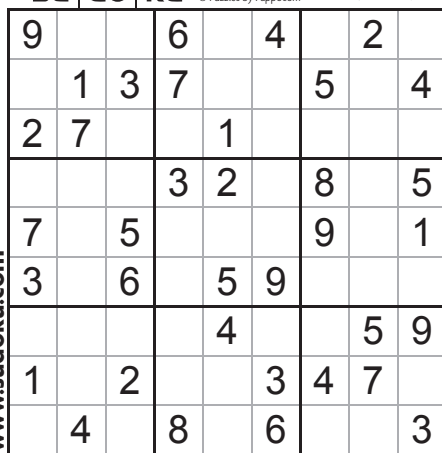
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MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE More classes coming in Spring of 2020 check the schedule at www.redwoods.edu/communityed. Call CR Workforce & Community Education for more information at (707) 476-4500. (V-1219)

LOAN DOCUMENT SIGNING Feb 3rd. One day training! Register early to secure your seat. Call CR Workforce & Community Education for more information at (707)476-4500. (V-1219)

MICROSOFT BEGINNING EXCEL Jan 7 - 16. Call CR Workforce & Community Education for more information at (707) 476-4500. (V-1219)

NOTARY Feb 4th. One day training! Register early to secure your seat. Call CR Workforce & Community Education for more information at (707)476-4500. (V-1219)

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN FEB 8 - JUL 18. Free info session (Highly Recommended) Jan 11, 2020 at 525 D Street, Eureka. Call Workforce & Community Education for more information at (707) 476-4500. (V-1219)

REAL ESTATE CORRESPONDENCE Become a Real Estate Agent. Start anytime! Call Workforce and Community Education for more information at (707) 476-4500. (V-1219)

VENIPUNCTURE Jan 9th. One day training! Register early to secure your seat. Call CR Workforce & Community Education for more information at (707)476-4500. (V-1219)

Wellness & Bodywork

2020 AYURVEDA PROGRAMS WITH TRACI WEBB "Ayurveda Life Mastery": Starts Feb. 5, Self-Healing + Health & Life Coach Training. Are you an overextended serial-giver, mom, yogi or multi-passionate wellness pro who feels unsupported & underpaid? Unable to bridge the gap between your current reality & what you sense is possible for your life, family & career? Let 2020 be Your Year! Reclaim your body, your abundance, your passion, your time, your heart & your home, all while building deep & lasting friendships, & upleveling your income & career! /// "Ayurveda Herbalist Training & Internship": Starts March 3, Dive deep into Ayurvedic Herbalism & Imbalance Management of All Bodily Systems. Experience Clinic & Client Management, Formulating, Medicine Making, Herb Harvest. *Both Programs Include: Caring Community + 1-on-1 Support, Monthly Clinics, assessment Skills (Pulse, Face, Tongue), Aromatic Product Making Immersion, Group Detox & Cooking Class, & Meet: 1 evening/week online + 1 weekend/month in Arcata or online. Ignite Transformation for Yourself & Others! Limited to 20, Early Registration Advised. Register: info@ayurvedicliving.com (W-1107)

DANDELION HERBAL CENTER CLASSES WITH JANE BOTHWELL. Dandelion Herbal Center classes with Jane Bothwell. Beginning with Herbs. Oct. 2 - Nov. 20, 2019, 8 Wed. evenings. Learn medicine making, herbal first aid, and herbs for common imbalances, includes 2 Herb Walks. Shamanic Herbalism. Feb. - June 2020. Meets 1st Weekend of the Month. Celebrate the traditional and ritualistic uses of plants as Sacred Medicine with visiting experts! 10-Month Herbal Studies Program. Feb. - Nov. 2020. Meets one weekend per month with three camping trips. Learn in-depth material medica, plant identification, flower essences, wild foods, formulations and harvesting. Herbal & Traditional Healing on the Aegean Greek Isles. May 22 - June 2, 2020. Discover the beauty, aromas, traditional and modern uses of many medicinal plants on the islands of Ikaria & Samos! Register online www.dandelionherb.com or call (707) 442-8157. (W-0130)

Free Will Astrology

Week of Dec. 19, 2019

By Rob Breznsy
freewillastrology@freewillastrology.com

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The English word “hubris” means prideful, exaggerated self-assurance. In the HBO TV series *Rome*, the ancient Roman politician and general Mark Antony says to his boss Julius Caesar, “I’m glad you’re so confident. Some would call it hubris.” Caesar has a snappy comeback: “It’s only hubris if I fail.” I’m tempted to dare you to use you that as one of your mottoes in 2020, Aries. I have a rather expansive vision of your capacity to accomplish great things during the coming months. And I also think that one key to your triumphs and breakthroughs will be your determination to cultivate a well-honed aplomb, even audacity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): For years I’ve lived in a house bordering a wetland, and I’ve come to love that ecosystem more than any other. While communing with reeds and herons and muddy water, my favorite poet has been Taurus-born Lorine Niedecker, who wrote about marshes with supreme artistry. Until the age of 60, her poetic output was less than abundant because she had to earn a meager living by cleaning hospital floors. Then, due to a fortuitous shift in circumstances, she was able to leave that job and devote more time to what she loved most and did best. With Niedecker’s breakthrough as our inspiration, I propose that we do all we can, you and I, as we conspire to make 2020 the year you devote more time to the activity that you love most and do best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In the English language, the prefix “re” comes at the beginning of many words with potent transformational meaning: reinvent; redeem; rediscover; release; relieve; redesign; resurrect; rearrange; reconstruct; reform; reanimate; reawaken; regain. I hope you’ll put words like those at the top of your priority list in 2020. If you hope to take maximum advantage of the cosmic currents, it’ll be a year of revival, realignment and restoration.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I won’t be surprised if you’re enamored and amorous more than usual in 2020. I suspect you will experience delight and enchantment at an elevated rate. The intensity and depth of the feelings that flow through you may break all your previous records. Is that going to be a problem? I suppose it could be if you worry that the profuse flows of tenderness and affection will render you weak and vulnerable. But if you’re willing and eager to interpret your extra sensitivity as a superpower, that’s probably what it will be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Does the word “spirit” mean anything to you? Or are you numb to it? Has it come to seem virtually meaningless—a foggy abstraction used carelessly by millions of people to express sentimental beliefs and avoid clear thinking? In accordance with astrological omens, I’ll ask you to create a sturdier and more vigorous definition of “spirit” for your practical use in 2020. For instance, you might decide that “spirit” refers to the life force that launches you out of bed each morning and motivates you to keep transforming yourself into the ever-more beautiful soul you want to become.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): “There are people who take the heart out of you, and there are people who put it back,” wrote author Charles de Lint. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, your heart will encounter far more of the latter than the former types of people in 2020. There may be one wrangler who tries to take the heart out of you, but there will be an array of nurturers who will strive to keep the heart in you—as well as boosters and builders who will add even more heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Composer Igor Stravinsky was born a Russian citizen, but later in life became a French citizen, and still later took on American citizenship. If you have had any similar predilections, Libra, I’m guessing they won’t be in play during 2020. My prediction is that you will develop a more

robust sense of where you belong than ever before. Any uncertainties you’d had about where your true power spot lies will dissipate. Questions you’ve harbored about the nature of home will be answered. With flair and satisfaction, you’ll resolve long-running riddles about home and community.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): “Friendship is a very taxing and arduous form of leisure activity,” wrote philosopher and educator Mortimer Adler. He was exaggerating a bit for comic effect, but he was basically correct. We all must mobilize a great deal of intelligence and hard work to initiate new friendships and maintain existing friendships. But I have some very good news about how these activities will play out for you in 2020, Scorpio. I expect that your knack for practicing the art of friendship will be at an all-time high. I also believe that your close alliances will be especially gratifying and useful for you. You’ll be well-rewarded for your skill and care at cultivating rapport.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In 1933, Sagittarian artist Diego Rivera was commissioned to paint a huge mural in one of the famous Rockefeller buildings in New York City. His patrons didn’t realize he was planning to include a controversial portrait of former Soviet Communist leader Vladimir Lenin. When the deed was done, they ordered him to remove it. When he refused, they ushered him out and destroyed the whole mural. As a result, Rivera also lost another commission to create art at the Chicago World’s Fair. In any other year, Sagittarius, I might encourage you to be as idealistic as Rivera. I’d invite you to place artistic integrity over financial considerations. But I’m less inclined to advise that in 2020. I think it may serve you to be unusually pragmatic. At least consider leaving Lenin out of your murals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): “People mistake their limitations for high standards,” wrote Capricorn author Jean Toomer. In my astrological opinion, it’s crucial that you avoid doing that in 2020. Why? First, I’m quite sure that you will have considerable power to shed and transcend at least some of your limitations. For best results, you can’t afford to deceive yourself into thinking that those limitations are high standards. Secondly, Capricorn, you will have good reasons and a substantial ability to raise your standards higher than they’ve ever been. So you definitely don’t want to confuse high standards with limitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Historians once thought that 14th-century Englishmen were the first humans to track the rhythms of the planet Jupiter using the complicated mathematics known as calculus. But in 2015, researchers discovered that Babylonians had done it 1400 years before the Englishmen. Why was Jupiter’s behavior so important to those ancient people? They were astrologers! They believed the planet’s movements were correlated with practical events on earth, like the weather, river levels, and grain harvests. I think that this correction in the origin story of tracking Jupiter’s rhythms will be a useful metaphor for you in 2020. It’s likely you will come to understand your past in ways that are different from what you’ve believed up until now. Your old tales will change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): China produces the most apples in the world. The United States is second. That wasn’t always true. When Europeans first reached the shores of the New World, crab apple was the only apple species that grew natively. But the invaders planted other varieties that they brought with them. They also imported the key to all future proliferation: honeybees, champion pollinators, which were previously absent from the land that many indigenous people called Turtle Island. I see 2020 as a time for you to accomplish the equivalent, in your own sphere, of getting the pollination you need. What are the fertilizing influences that will help you accomplish your goals? ●

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Dorothy Jeanette Gritts CASE NO. PRI90228

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dorothy Jeanette Gritts A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner JD Gritts II In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that JD Gritts II be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 6.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in Cali-

LEGALS?

County Public Notices
Fictitious Business
Petition to
Administer Estate
Trustee Sale
Other Public Notices
**classified@north
coastjournal.com**
442-1400 x314

fornia law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. PETITIONER: JD Gritts II Filed: September 20, 2019 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

12/5, 12/12, 12/19 (19-323)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The individuals listed below are hereby given notice that the personal property stored at the following facilities will be sold to Satisfy the lien on 12/20/2019 @ 10:00am, at 1799 Smith Unless the amount due is paid in full at:

Six Rivers Property Management
710 Main Street
Fortuna, CA 95540
Non-Payment of Storage:
1799 Smith, Fortuna
#04 Debra Dejager
#18 Debra Dejager
#20 Barbara Tooles, Kurt Pfohl
#31 Dan Bates

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#42/43 Debra Dejager
Dated 12/5/2019
Sarah Albin (707)725-1094
12/12, 12/19 (19-357)

TS # 19-2661 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED: 8/20/18. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee, as shown below, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee



Notice Of Vacancy
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DIVISION 3
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
828 7th St., Eureka, CA 95501

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has a vacancy, effective January 1, 2020, for its Division 3 Director. The term expires December 4, 2020, with the election for this position during November 2020. The person appointed to fill this vacancy would serve through December 3, 2020.

Anyone interested in being considered to fill the vacancy must reside within the boundaries of Division 3, which is comprised primarily of the south and east of Eureka and extends north east to Sunny Brae. A map and legal description are available for inspection at the District’s Eureka office. Contact the County’s Election Division (445-7481) to confirm residency within HBMWD’s Division 3.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the District no later than the close of business (5 p.m.) on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**. You may mail the information to: PO Box 95, Eureka 95502-0095, deliver it directly to 828 7th Street, Eureka, or email to: **office@hbmwd.com**.

The Board will determine which candidates to interview for the position. If selected as a candidate, you will be notified.

An overview of the District and summary of Director responsibilities are available at the District’s office or its website (**www.hbmwd.com**). For any additional information about the Director position, call 443-5018.

DEADLINE TO APPLY 5 PM WED., JANUARY 8, 2020

Homework: Start dreaming about who you can be in 2020. My long-range audio horoscopes are here: <https://RealAstrology.com>

disclaims any liability for any incor-
rectness of the property address or
other common designation, if any,
shown herein. TRUSTOR: Christo-
pher William Trent and Robin
Ashleigh Trent, as Trustees of The
Trent Family Trust, dated February
22, 2013 DULY APPOINTED TRUSTEE:
Foreclosure Specialists, a General
Partnership RECORDED: 10/1/18 AS
INSTRUMENT NO. 2018-017843 of
Official Records in the office of the
Recorder of Humboldt County,
California. DATE OF SALE: Thursday,
December 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: At the front
entrance to the County Courthouse
at 825 5th St., Eureka, CA 95501 THE
COMMON DESIGNATION OF THE
PROPERTY IS PURPORTED TO BE:
659 Locust St., Garberville, CA
95542 APN: 032-011-010 Amount of
unpaid balance and other charges: \$
173,862.25 Beneficiary may elect to
open bidding at a lesser amount.
The total amount secured by said
instrument as of the time of initial
publication of this notice is stated
above, which includes the total
amount of the unpaid balance
(including accrued and unpaid
interest) and reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and advances at the
time of initial publication of this
notice. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL
BIDDERS: If you are considering
bidding on this property lien, you
should understand that there are
risks involved in bidding at a trustee
auction. You will be bidding on a
lien, not on the property itself.
Placing the highest bid at a trustee
auction does not automatically
entitle you to fee and clear owner-
ship of the property. You should
also be aware that the lien being
auctioned off may be a junior lien.
If you are the highest bidder at the
auction, you are or may be respon-
sible for paying off all liens senior
to the lien being auctioned off,
before you can receive clear title to
the property. You are encouraged
to investigate the existence,
priority and size of outstanding
liens that may exist on this prop-
erty by contacting the county
recorder's office or a title insurance
company, either of which may
charge you a fee for this informa-
tion. If you consult either of these
resources, you should be aware
that the same lender may hold
more than one mortgage or deed
of trust on the property. NOTICE
TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale
date shown on this notice of sale
may be postponed one or more
times by the mortgagee, benefi-
ciary, trustee, or a court, pursuant
to Section 2924g of the California
Civil Code. The law requires that
information about trustee sale
postponements be made available
to you and to the public, as a cour-
tesy to those not present at the
sale. If you wish to learn whether
your sale date has been postponed,
and, if applicable, the rescheduled
time and date for the sale of this
property, you may call the trustee's
information line at 530-246-2727;
Toll Free: 844-333-6766, or visit this
Internet Web site:

calforeclosures.biz, using the file
number assigned to this case: TS #19
-2661. Information about postpone-
ments that are very short in dura-
tion or that occur close in time to
the scheduled sale may not imme-
diately be reflected in the tele-
phone information or on the
Internet Web site. The best way to
verify postponement information is
to attend the scheduled sale. NPP
website and sales line number:
www.nationwideposting.com
Trustee Sales Automated Number:
916-939-0772 DATE: 11/21/19 FORE-
CLOSURE SPECIALISTS P.O. Box
994465 REDDING, CA 96099-4465
530-246-2727; Toll Free: 844-333-
6766 Sheena Hunter / Partner
Foreclosure Specialists is assisting
the Beneficiary in collecting a debt.
Any and all information obtained
may be used for that purpose.
NPP0364147 To: NORTH COAST
JOURNAL 12/05/2019, 12/12/2019,
12/19/2019

(19-348)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-0063**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
DUGIEBOY ENTERPRISES

Humboldt
256 Beach Dr
Trinidad, CA 95570
PO Box 502
Trinidad, CA 95570

**Kenneth G Dugan
256 Beach Dr
Trinidad, CA 95570**

The business is conducted by an
Individual.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true
any material matter pursuant to
Section 17913 of the Business and
Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Kenneth G Dugan, Proprietor
This November 20, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 (19-335)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00655**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
LOST COAST LAND DEVELOPMENT

Humboldt
981 Mahan Rd
Garberville, CA 95542
PO box 1050
Redway, CA 95560

**Carlos E. Finn
981 Mahan Rd
Garberville, CA 95542**

The business is conducted by an
Individual.

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transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true
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Section 17913 of the Business and
Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Carlos Finn, CEO
This November 18, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by ss, Humboldt County Clerk

11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12 (19-333)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00670**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
REDS LIQUOR

Humboldt
411 W Harris
Eureka, CA 95503

**Amy C Simpson
906 Allard Ave
Eureka, CA 95503**

**Makham S Purewal
4674 Kinicaid Ct
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by a
General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
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statement is true and correct.
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Section 17913 of the Business and
Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Amy Simpson, Owner
This October 1, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 (19-337)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00679**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
**HOOVEN & SPINKS PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT**

Humboldt
1806 H Street
Arcata, CA 95521

**Julie L Spinks
6650 Humboldt Hill Rd
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by an
Individual.
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transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
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statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true

any material matter pursuant to
Section 17913 of the Business and
Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Julie Spinks, Owner
This December 2, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 (19-350)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00699**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
OL RUSTY'S

Humboldt
39116 Hwy 299
Willow Creek, CA 95513
2136 Hacienda St.
Redding, CA 96003

**Amanda N Hutchinson
2136 Hacienda St
Redding, CA 96003**

The business is conducted by an
Individual.
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trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Amanda Hutchinson, Owner
This December 10, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by ss, Humboldt County Clerk

12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (19-364)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00689**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
ABUNDANCE UPCYCLE BOUTIQUE

Humboldt
5000 Valley West
Arcata, CA 95521
PO Box 2631
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Eugene, OR 97401

**Kathleen V Smith
4152 Old RxR Grade Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Leah T Harry
4152 Old RxR Grade Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a
General Partnership.
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transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
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Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a

misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Kathleen V Smith, Proprietor
This December 5, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (19-363)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00675**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
HUMBOLDT CHOCOLATE

Humboldt
65 Ericson Ct. STE 2
Arcata, CA 95521
PO Box 1206
Eureka, CA 95502

**JHG Enterprises, LLC
CA 201321910247
2670 Jacoby Creek Rd
Bayside, CA 95524**

The business is conducted by a
Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this
statement is true and correct.
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any material matter pursuant to
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Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Jonah Ginsburg, President/CEO
This November 25, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-355)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00695**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
ESSEX STUDIO

Humboldt
2841 E St.
Eureka, CA 95501

**Donna M Lowe
8125 Elk River Rd.
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by an
Individual.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
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trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Donna M. Lowe
This December 9, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-360)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00676**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
EUREKA FLORIST

Humboldt
524 Henderson St
Eureka, CA 95501

**Linda I Ferguson
2542 C St
Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an
Individual.
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transact business under the ficti-
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misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Linda Ferguson, Owner
This November 26, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-358)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00692**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
SUBLIMINAL SENSATIONS

Humboldt
2754 E St.
Eureka, CA 95501

**Audrie L Kuhl
2189 Riverwalk Dr.
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The business is conducted by an
Individual.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or name listed
above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true
any material matter pursuant to
Section 17913 of the Business and
Professions Code that the regis-
trant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine
not to exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1,000).
/s Audrie Kuhl, Owner
This December 6, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by ss, Humboldt County Clerk

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-361)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 19-00701**

The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
PHYL'N JUICE

Humboldt
100 Ericson Ct, Ste 120
Arcata, CA 95521
PO Box 3015
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Rita M Cordova
1623 Timothy Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

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/s/ Rita M Cordova, Owner
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KELLY E. SANDERS
by ss, Humboldt County Clerk
11/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (19-362)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 19-00106

The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name REDS LIQUOR Humboldt
411 W Harris Street
Eureka, CA 95503
P.O. Box 5586
Eureka, CA 95502
The fictitious business name was filed in HUMBOLDT County on February 13, 2019
Amy C Simpson
906 Allard Ave
Eureka, CA 95503
Troy Kuhlman
2947 Cheryl Lane
Fortuna, CA 95540
This business was conducted by: A General Partnership
/s/ Amy Simpson, Owner
This state was filed with the HUMBOLDT County Clerk on the date November 21, 2019
I hereby certify that this copy is true and correct copy of the original statement on file in my office
Kelly E. Sanders
s/ sc, Deputy Clerk
Humboldt County Clerk
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 (19-338)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. R-1500329

The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name ESSEX STUDIO Humboldt
2841 E Street
Eureka, CA 95501
The fictitious business name was filed in HUMBOLDT County on June 1, 2015
Shannon Vleming
2835 Ocean Ave
Eureka, CA 95501
This business was conducted by: An Individual
/s/ Shannon R Vleming, Owner
This state was filed with the HUMBOLDT County Clerk on the date December 9, 2019
I hereby certify that this copy is

true and correct copy of the original statement on file in my office
Kelly E. Sanders
s/ sc, Deputy Clerk
Humboldt County Clerk
12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-359)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ACACIA HATTEN, ANTHONY RAYA CASE NO. CV1900991

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF:
ACACIA HATTEN, ANTHONY RAYA
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
ADAIN JACOB HATTEN
to Proposed Name
ADAIN JACOB RAYA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: December 27, 2019
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: November 6, 2019
Filed: November 6, 2019
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 (19-352)

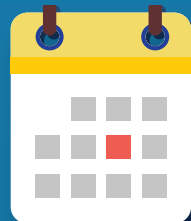
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME EUGENIA DRAKOULIAS CASE NO. CV1901016

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF:
EUGENIA DRAKOULIAS
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
EUGENIA DRAKOULIAS
to Proposed Name
EVGENIA DRAKOULIAS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: December 27, 2019
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: November 12, 2019
Filed: November 12, 2019
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 (19-336)

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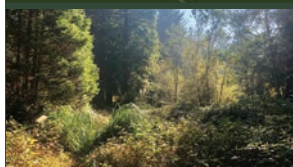
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WESTHAVEN – LAND/PROPERTY - \$235,000

±2.6 Acre parcel w/ useable flats ideal for building your dream home!



BENBOW – LAND/PROPERTY - \$179,000

±3.5 Acres 5 minutes from Benbow and 10 minutes from Garberville! PG&E & water to the property.



SALYER – HOME ON ACREAGE - \$319,000

Beautiful one acre gardeners paradise in sunny Salyer with a 3/2 main house and a 1/1 cabin, just minutes from the Trinity River!



WILLOW CREEK – LAND/PROPERTY - \$385,000

±160 Remote acres featuring meadows, building sites, developed well, and Grass Creek frontage!



REDUCED PRICE!



HOOPA – MULTI-UNITS - \$499,000

Rental income property w/3 homes on 3 acres. Public utilities, close to town, private, tenants in place.



EUREKA – RESIDENTIAL - \$255,000

Fully fenced corner lot in Eureka with 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, carport, a detached garage, and alley access!



NEW LISTING!

KING SALMON – LAND/PROPERTY - \$99,000

Three parcels totaling ±.4 acres on the canal in King Salmon. Water and power on the property.



EUREKA – RESIDENTIAL - \$219,900

New construction! Property features off street parking, covered deck, and fenced yard. Still an opportunity to pick your own interior paint color!



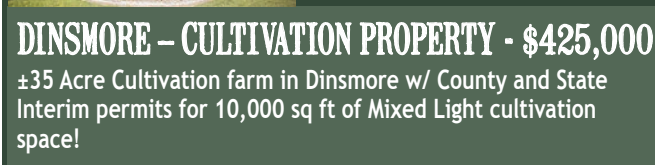
WILLOW CREEK – HOME ON ACREAGE - \$375,000

Trinity River views, easy access & development potential. Agricultural zoning w/ Rural Residential improvements.



HYDESVILLE – HOME ON ACREAGE - \$679,000

±8 Private acres featuring a large custom 3/2 ranch home, large barn with “Man Cave”, pool, hot tub, orchard...and so much more!



DINSMORE – CULTIVATION PROPERTY - \$425,000

±35 Acre Cultivation farm in Dinsmore w/ County and State Interim permits for 10,000 sq ft of Mixed Light cultivation space!



NEW LISTING!



FORTUNA – LAND/PROPERTY - \$1,300,000

±24 Acres overlooking the Eel River with development/subdivision potential! Property has public utility access and owner may carry.



SWAINS FLAT – HOME ON ACREAGE – \$150,000

River frontage property w/ a cozy 1/1 home complete dual pane windows, views, and a ¾ wrap around deck!



NEW LISTING!



118 PANTHER ROAD, WILLOW CREEK - \$485,000

Separately metered 5-plex on almost 2 acres w/ great rental history. Room for future development!



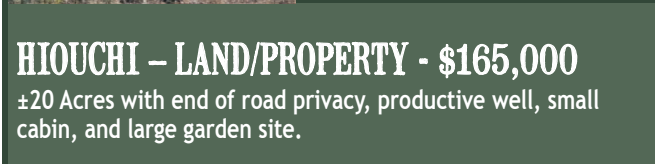
SHOWERS PASS – LAND/PROPERTY - \$295,000

±40 Remote acres featuring springs, meadows, timber, undeveloped building sites. Great retreat spot!



BERRY SUMMIT – LAND/PROPERTY - \$199,000

±40 Acre parcel w/ new roads, 4 flats, 10,000 gallons of water storage, well access, privacy, and beautiful views.



HIOUCHI – LAND/PROPERTY - \$165,000

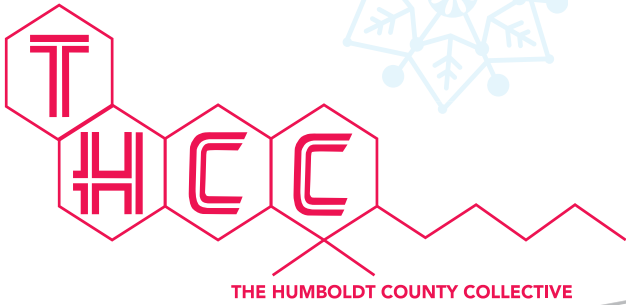
±20 Acres with end of road privacy, productive well, small cabin, and large garden site.



DINSMORE – LAND/PROPERTY - \$179,000

±40 Acres with mountain views! Features a creek, spring, well, woodlands and meadows, and a large flat area near spring for potential building.

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